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THE LOUISIANA QUESTION.

SPEECH OF MR. CARPENTER ON HIS ELECTION BILL—ALCOHOL—THE CENTENNIAL—PACIFIC MAIL SUBSIDY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Senator Carpenter made his promised speech to-day in the Senate on the bill introduced by him in favor of a new election in Louisiana. The galleries were crowded, and there was a large attendance of Senators upon the floor, including a number of Louisianians who have been here for some weeks in the interest of both Kellogg and McEnery. Mr. Carpenter reiterated a good many things from his former speech, but dwelt particularly upon the constitutional power of Congress to order a new election, and upon the expediency of such action. Upon the first question he made an extended legal argument, and read from authorities in support of his views. As to the expediency of a new election, he urged that the troublesome question be disposed of now, and not postponed till the Presidential contest in 1876, when it might present more serious complications than at present. He spoke of the probability of several candidates then, and the possibility of the Louisiana vote settling the contest. He thought a very dangerous position would be taken by Congress in saying that it had no power to order a new election, as in the present condition of many of the Southern States such action would be an incentive to lawlessness to get possession of the State Governments, and Congress would have no power to right the wrong. Louisiana affairs bid fair to create as much discussion as the finances. Senators Thurman, Frelinghuysen, Ferry, of Connecticut, and West have already expressed a determination to speak on the question. Mr. Ferry, of Connecticut, during the day made the important and significant admission that he agreed with Mr. Carpenter that the present Government of Louisiana was, root and branch, "a usurpation." He dissented entirely from Mr. Carpenter's legal position, and said he would hereafter explain his views of the remedies provided by the Constitution. The speech of Mr. Carpenter, like his previous speeches on this subject, was exceedingly able and interesting, and was listened to with great attention.

THE PROPOSED ALCOHOL COMMISSION.

A very important amendment to the Liquor Commission bill was submitted to-day by Mr. Bayard. It provides that not all the members of the commission shall be in favor of prohibitory legislation or total abstinence. The object of this amendment is to enable the commission to hear both sides of the question before submitting their report to Congress. Messrs. Conkling and Carpenter both advocated the adoption of the amendment, and spoke of the greater weight the report would have coming from gentlemen holding opposite views than if made by persons biased altogether in favor of prohibitory legislation or total abstinence. This amendment will, no doubt, be adopted.

THE CENTENNIAL BILL.

The Centennial bill has taken a somewhat new direction by the motion to recommit to the Appropriations Committee, with instructions to report an appropriation for the celebration not exceeding $3,000,000. Mr. Cameron has been called away from the city to attend the funeral of a friend, and it is necessary, if the bill is disposed of before he leaves, that a vote shall be taken to-morrow. While there is no direct understanding that a vote shall be taken, there is a disposition to get the whole subject out of the way, and it is quite possible that some decisive vote will be taken before the adjournment.

THE PACIFIC MAIL SUBSIDY.

The Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company are making very earnest efforts to convince the House Committee on Post Offices that they should not concur in the recommendations of the Postmaster General that the contract with that company should be declared forfeited and the subsidy lapsed. The company was represented before the committee by Edwards Pierrepont, Rufus Hatch, and George Scott. Their argument in excuse for the delay was very ingenious. They represented that it was physically impossible to comply with the special conditions of the contract, which provide for iron ships of 4,000 tons burden and constructed exclusively of American iron. They alleged that there was no ship-yard in the country with sufficient facilities to do this work, and that it was necessarily delayed until new machinery could be constructed for that purpose in Roach's ship-yard at Philadelphia. It seems quite improbable, however, that the House Committee will alter their known purpose, which is to recommend a concurrence with the views expressed in the letter of the Postmaster General, declaring the subsidy lapsed; and it seems almost certain that, even with a favorable report, the House would not listen to any continuance of the subsidy. Some Representatives have agreed to support a resolution instructing the Committee on Ways and Means to reopen the investigation into the manner in which the Pacific Mail subsidy was procured. This investigation began last Winter.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The House Committee on Public Buildings today decided to send to New-York a subcommittee to investigate the alleged violations of the Eight-hour law in the construction of public buildings in that City. This inquiry has been prompted by charges made against Supervising Architect Mullett.

REDUCTION OF THE ARMY.

The House Committee on Military Affairs this morning finally agreed to their bill for the reduction of the army. The bill does not differ in the essential features from the abstract already published in these dispatches. It proposes an ultimate reduction of the army through non-enlistments of 5,000 men, and a reduction of the infantry regiments from twenty-five to twenty, of artillery from five to four, of cavalry from ten to eight—a total decrease of eight regiments.

THE FIFTH VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

The House Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the Contested Election case of C. Y. Thomas vs. A. M. Davis, of the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia, will report to the House to-morrow giving the seat to the contestant, C. Y. Thomas. This case was one in which the County Board of Canvassers in one of the counties of the district threw out 111 ballots because there was folded with the ballots a small slip of paper on which was the name of a county officer to be voted for at the same election. The committee holds that such slip of paper being folded in the ballot did not invalidate the vote for members of Congress. Five hundred and twenty-six votes were rejected by the Board of County Canvassers for the reason that the returns were attested by but one clerk of the election. The committee hold that the duty of the clerk was purely ministerial and in no sense judicial, and that the board of county canvassers had no right to exclude these votes for want of the mere attestation of this ministerial officer. The committee report the entire vote in the district to have been for Thomas 9,454, and for Davis 9,333, a majority for Thomas of 121.

THE UTAH BILL.

The House decided that the bill concerning the execution of laws in Utah, reported from the Committee on Territories, should go to the Committee of the Whole, on the general calendar. The Committee on Territories endeavored to make the bill a special order, but without effect. The consequence of sending the bill to the general calendar will be that it must take its chance with the vast amount of other business on the calendar, and may possibly not be reached this session. The minority of the committee presented their bill, which they desire to offer as a substitute. This minority bill is much less restricted in its provisions, and does not propose completely to remodel the courts and the juries of the Territory, and has a better regard for vested rights.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The Committee on Appropriations reported the regular Indian Appropriation bill. This is the second Appropriation bill which that committee now have ready, but the House does not seem inclined to enter upon the consideration of either of them at present. Gen. Garfield vainly endeavored to have the House fix a definite time for the consideration of the Legislative Appropriation bill, but the House is manifestly indisposed to proceed with the Appropriation bills until something more definite shall be known with regard to the disposition of the transportation and currency questions.

REGULATION OF COMMERCE BETWEEN THE STATES.

The day in the House was again chiefly devoted to the McCrary railroad bill. Mr. Arthur, of Kentucky, continued his speech against the bill. Mr. Arthur's speech was a very exhaustive summary of the leading legal arguments against the theory of the constitutional right to regulate inter-State commerce, upon which the McCrary bill proceeds. The speech undoubtedly struck the key note of the State Rights Democratic opposition, and showed most conclusively that the granger movement, in its theories, will find little support in the Democratic Party. Mr. Arthur was followed by Gen. Hurlbut, of Illinois, who maintained that the power to regulate commerce is as old as the Government, although the exercise of such power in this specific direction has not been demanded until now. He insisted that the General Government had already exercised its right to regulate commerce in the bill passed by the last Congress to prevent cruelty to animals transported between States. He considered that immediate action upon this subject was necessary, and charged that the colossal fortunes accumulated during the past few years had been the result of abuses of the people on the part of corporations. Mr. Willard, of Vermont, will to-morrow speak against the bill.

CUSTOM-HOUSE FINES AND PENALTIES.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION AMONG CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The following official statement was laid before the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday:

Statement of Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures Distributed to Collectors, Naval Officers, and Surveyors at the Port of New-York from April 8, 1861, to Nov. 30, 1873:

Collectors.	
Hiram Barney—April 8, 1861, to Sept. 7, 1864	$64,609 29
Simeon Draper—Sept. 8, 1864, to Aug. 31, 1865	55,014 55
Preston King (and special Deputy)—Sept. 1, 1865, to May 15, 1866	33,166 94
Henry A. Smythe—May 16, 1866, to March 31, 1869	102,710 13
Moses H. Grinnell—April 1, 1869, to July 20, 1870	41,304 60
Thomas Murphy—July 21, 1870, to Nov. 30, 1871	55,997 54
Chester A. Arthur—Dec. 1, 1871, to Nov. 30, 1873	56,120 21
Total	$408,921 26
Naval Officers.	
George Denison—June 1, 1861, to Aug. 31, 1865	$119,685 90
Moses F. Odell—Sept. 1, 1865, to Sept. 30, 1866	42,639 93
John A. Dix—Oct. 1, 1866, to March 1, 1867	10,225 09
Edwin A. Merritt—April 1, 1868, to July 31, 1870	41,245 69
Moses H. Grinnell—Aug. 1, 1870, to April 16, 1871	32,734 31
A. N. Laflin—April 17, 1871, to Nov. 30, 1873	94,843 33
Total	$341,374 25
Surveyors.	
Rufus F. Andrews—April 1, 1861, to Sept. 21, 1864	$65,348 25
Abram Wakeman—Sept. 22, 1864, to March 31, 1869	189,607 67
Alonzo B. Cornell—April 1, 1869, to Jan. 31, 1873	137,416 46
George H. Sharpe—April 1, 1873, to Nov. 30, 1873	3,961 46
Total	$396,423 84

THE INDIANS.

AGENT SAVILLE'S REPORT FROM THE RED CLOUD AGENCY.

OMAHA, Neb., March 4.—Major Gen. Ord furnishes the following extracts of a letter from Agent Saville to Col. Smith, at Fort Laramie:

"No disturbances since last dispatch. Many Indians have left, some with the unconcealed intention of joining the war party. Affairs are so complicated among them that troops are needed to protect the agency. Crazy Horse is on the war-path. The Cheyennes seem determined to keep the peace. It is time for the troops to reach the agency, but I would respectfully suggest not to depend on too small a force. Two thousand Indians could be concentrated here in a short time. A regiment once inside this stockade could defend it against any force they could raise, but the difficulty is to get here. The Indians have sentinels all over the country, and keep a line along the bills of the Platte, so that forces starting from the fort would be preceded by Indians. I think if the troops start at sundown, and ride through without delay, we could hold the agency till they arrive. The Indians can be taken by surprise now, but two weeks later they will surprise us. We will stand on the defensive till you arrive. I would suggest that you do not start until my messenger arrives, as, unless we are fully prepared, we would probably all be killed before you could get here. Troops here means war, though a large part of the Indians now here will accept the situation when they once get here."

Mr. Dean, a trader at the Red Cloud Agency, ran the gauntlet on Monday night, and, after a drive of ninety miles, arrived at Fort Laramie yesterday morning. He was assisted to escape by two friendly Indians. He confirms Agent Saville's report, and states that war parties of the Minneconjous and Brules are at Hot River, twenty-five miles north of the agency. The troops that left Fort Laramie on Monday will reach the agency this evening or to-morrow morning, and will relieve the employes. There seems to be no question but that there will be war, but the scene of the trouble is so far removed from the settlements that no fear whatever is entertained that they will be troubled. The weather is reported good.

RAILROAD DIFFICULTIES SETTLED.

SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, Penn., March 4.—All the difficulties or misunderstanding between the Erie Railway Company and its employes have been amicably adjusted, and the best possible feeling prevails all along the line. The trains are now, and during several days past have been, running with their accustomed regularity.

ALBANY.

THE RIVERSIDE AND MORNINGSIDE PARKS BILL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Feb. 4, 1874.—The Senate, in Committee of the Whole, to-day again took up the consideration of Mr. Daly's bill, providing for the prosecution of the work on Morningside and Riverside avenues. In the course of the debate on the bill Senator Lowery stated that he was not sure that he would oppose the bill if its passage was desired by the Senators from New-York; but, as he understood the measure, it was introduced for the purpose of taking from the control of the Department of Parks fifteen miles of streets, and placing them under the control of the Department of Public Works. He could see no reason for that change, and he would take occasion to remind the Senate that William M. Tweed had at one time stood as high as Mr. George Van Nort now did. By concentrating in any one man the power it was proposed to give Mr. Van Nort, the Legislature was acting the dangerous part of making of a Republican what the great "boss" Democrat had once been. The bill was advocated by many of the New-York delegation in the House, but he was credibly informed that of those who supported it one at least had nearly five hundred appointments under the Commissioner of Public Works. After some further debate the bill was made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Shortly before adjournment Senator Lowery again referring to the same subject, created some little sensation by retracting all that he had previously said in relation to the appointments under the Department of Public Works being held by certain members. He stated that he did so upon the positive assurance of Mr. Van Nort that the statement was untrue.

CITY ASSESSMENTS.

A bill relating to assessments in New-York City was introduced by Senator Booth. It provides that when assessments, levied for any local improvement or public work in the City, have been set aside or vacated, or the levying or collection thereof enjoined by injunction, it shall be lawful for the Board of Assessors to assess and reassess, as often as may be necessary, upon the property benefited, as already provided by law for making assessments for local improvements. All expenses which have already been paid or incurred, or which shall hereafter be incurred by the City for regulating, grading, paving, flagging sidewalks, or any improvement of streets, &c., shall apply to such assessments and reassessments. The bill further provides that it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Works to certify to the Assessors the sums expended, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the amount of such expenditure. The time of reassessment is limited to ten years, and no injunction shall be granted, *pendenti lite*, to restrain the levying and perfecting of an assessment.

ANOTHER FORTY-SECOND STREET RAILROAD.

Still another bill to run a railroad through Forty-second street was to-day introduced by Senator Madden. The proposed road is to run through the street named from the North River to Madison avenue. The names of David F. Baker and John G. Carey are placed at the head of the list of incorporators.

DUTIES OF COUNTY CANVASSERS.

Senator Madden also presented a bill providing that the Supreme Court may, by writ of mandamus, compel any Board of County Canvassers to correct any error they may have made in their returns while in the discharge of their official duties.

SPECIAL ACTS OF INCORPORATION—A VETO FROM GOV. DIX.

Some weeks ago Senator Ledwith introduced a bill to incorporate the New-York Club. The act was at that time objected to by Senator Ganson and others, on the ground that the club could organize under the general act. The Governor sanctions this view of the matter in the following communication received by the Senate to-day:

To the Senate:

I return without approval Senate bill No. 7, entitled "An act to incorporate the New-York Club of the City of New-York."

Chapter 368 of the laws of 1865, entitled "An act for the incorporation of societies or clubs for certain social and recreative purposes," was designed to authorize the formation of such societies by filing in the office of the Secretary of State a certificate, setting forth their names, titles, objects, &c., and to dispense with the necessity of resorting to the Legislature for special acts of incorporation. The real estate which they are authorized to hold was restricted to $50,000 in value, and the personal estate to $75,000.

The bill herewith returned seems to be designed to revive or continue in existence an association in the City of New-York called the New-York Club, conferring upon it corporate powers; and the material provision contained in it appears to be to authorize it to build, as well as to dispose of, in the customary modes, real and personal property to the amount of $500,000.

The bill is therefore entirely unnecessary. The New-York Club may be incorporated under the general law with all the powers it desires to pursue.

One of the proposed amendments to the Constitution to be submitted to the people at the next general election, provides for the passage of general laws, and prohibits the passage of special laws in certain enumerated cases, one of which is that of granting to private corporations, associations, or individuals, any exclusive privilege, immunity, or franchise whatever.

On the 27th ult. I approved a bill amending chapter 378 of the laws of 1865, also referred to, conferring on the societies and clubs incorporated under it, the right to hold real estate to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, exceeding by the last-named sum the amount the New-York Club is authorized to hold under the bill. Should this act now become a law, it will constitute chapter 35 of the laws of 1874.

This amendment, which was agreed to by the last Legislature, has been favorably considered by both Houses now in session, and its submission to the people has been anticipated, so far as societies and clubs for social and recreative purposes are covered by the passage of the above-named general law. My own views are in perfect harmony with yours and those of your predecessors, and I do not perceive how I can better evince my conformity to them, than by withholding my assent from this bill. JOHN A. DIX.

REGULATING THE USE OF SLIPS AND WHARVES IN THIS CITY.

The bill to regulate the use of slips wharves, and piers in New-York City, about which there has been so much discussion, passed the Senate to-day. The following are its provisions in full:

Whenever any person, company, or corporation engaged in the business of steam transportation shall be the owner or lessee of any pier or bulkhead in the City of New-York, and shall use and employ the same for the purpose of regularly receiving and discharging cargo thereat, it shall be lawful for such owner or for such lessee with the consent of the lessor, to erect and maintain upon such pier or bulkhead sheds for the protection of property so received or discharged; provided they shall have obtained from the Department of Docks in said City a license or authority to make such erection, and subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in such license or authority, but no shed shall be erected upon any bulkhead, extending over the line of any street laid down on the official map of said City.

SEC. 2. Any such owner or lessee of a pier, or of a pier and bulkhead, or of a part thereof, whose business requires the exclusive use of the premises so owned or leased by them, shall be entitled to such exclusive use upon giving notice in writing, to the Harbor-master of the district in which the same may be situated, that their business requires such exclusive use. In case the said Harbor-master shall consider that the business of such owner or lessee does not require the exclusive use so claimed, he shall refer the matter to the Captain of the Port, who shall have power, and it is hereby made his duty to determine the question, he first giving ten days' previous notice, in writing, to such owner or lessee of the time and place of hearing, and until said Captain of the Port shall decide that the exclusive use so claimed is not required by the business of such owner or lessee, said Harborm-aster shall have no right to place any vessel in any berth on said pier or bulk-head, or part thereof, of which the exclusive use is so claimed.

Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the erection on any pier of any storehouses, boat-houses, or other structures than the sheds mentioned in the first section, with the proper doors and gates constituting therein, nor to impair any powers conferred upon the Department of Docks, in the City of New-York, by existing laws. Nor shall anything contained in this act affect any action pending in the courts relative to the right to have sheds on any of the piers or bulkheads referred to herein.

BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE—PROTECTION OF MECHANICS.

The session of the House to-day was mainly devoted to the third reading of bills, none of which were of an important character. Mr. Patton introduced a bill in regard to the protection of mechanics and laborers, the object of which is to compel builders and contractors to exercise more care in the erection of scaffolding, &c., and thus lessen the number of accidents to life and limb.

THE LAST THING IN CHEAP ADVERTISING.

Mr. Worth, of Kings, with a disregard for public opinion which speaks more for his courage than his discretion, introduced a bill having for its object the creation of a monopoly in fire-extinguishers throughout the State. The bill renders it compulsory, upon pain of fine, that every building used for a public purpose shall be furnished with a certain patent fire-extinguisher. It is probable that the design of those who sent the bill to Mr. Worth was simply to obtain a cheap advertisement, as, of course, they could not expect such a bill to pass.

THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SENATOR COE.

The special committee to which was referred the charge made by a Brooklyn newspaper against Senator Coe held a meeting this evening, and heard the testimony of Demas Barnes. Gen. Spinola, and Ex-Gov. Alvord. Mr. Barnes testified that the article in which the charges were made was based upon dispatches received from Albany and upon other information. Spinola stated that he had never played a game of cards with Mr. Coe, and that he had never seen him at a card-table. Gov. Alvord denied that he had ever spoken to a Brooklyn newspaper correspondent in regard to Coe's vote on the Madden-Abbott case. The committee will render a decision early next week.

A SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. Charles Spencer entertained the Republican members of the Legislature at supper to-night. Gov. Dix, Commissioner Van Nort, the State Controller, and many other gentlemen, were present.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Sheriff Conner, of New-York, and a number of Sheriffs from other counties of the State, are here for the purpose of urging the passage of certain bills relating to their offices which have been introduced. They will have a hearing to-morrow before the Judiciary Committee.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

INSTALLATION OF CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—According to previous announcement, the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States took the oath of office at noon to-day and entered upon the discharge of his duties. The court-room was crowded by a large throng, one-third of whom were ladies. Among the distinguished gentlemen present were Messrs. Wm. M. Evarts, J. H. Ashton, E. R. Hoar, T. J. Durant, Senator Cooper, Gen. Garfield, Representatives Eugene Hall, Kellogg, and many others. The District Bar was also largely represented. Precisely at noon the crier of the court announced, as has been customary since the death of Chief Justice Chase, "The Honorable the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States." The members of the Bar rose, and the Associate Justices, headed by Mr. Justice Clifford and marshaled by Mr. John G. Nicolay, Marshal of the court, appeared, with Chief Justice Waite, in full robes, bringing up the rear. The Associate Justices then took their seats, the Chief Justice taking a seat near the desk of Mr. Middleton, the Clerk of the Court. The Crier then opened the court. Mr. Justice Clifford directed Mr. Middleton (the Clerk) to read the commission, which, being done, the oath was also administered by the Clerk. Thereupon the Chief Justice passed round to his chair, and as he approached the court arose, and, facing about, received him standing. All then being seated, the Chief Justice bowed to Mr. Justice Field, who proceeded to the reading of opinions. Thus the installation was accomplished, and, in future, probably until many of those now on the Bench have passed away, the court will be announced as "the Honorable the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States." The "iron-clad" oath was administered to the Chief Justice in the Clerk's room before he came into court.

THE PELHAM CASE.

In the Police Court, to-day, the case of the United States against Charles Pelham, Representative in Congress from Alabama, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill Richard G. Busteed, nephew of Judge Busteed, was called. Saturday next was fixed as the time of hearing, Pelham being held in $5,000 bail.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds have appointed a subcommittee, with Mr. Killinger as chairman, to proceed to New-York to inquire into the eight-hour question as raised by the Government employes in that City.

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATIONS.

The Indian Appropriation bill, reported to the House to-day, appropriates $9,831,779, against $5,541,419 last year.

MRS. M. C. GAINES IN ANOTHER BIG SUIT.

Mrs. Myra Clarke Gaines has entered suit against Caleb Cushing claiming $200,000 damages for libel, in this, that in one of the recent bills filed by Mr. Cushing he charges her with making "wanton and grossly malicious accusations" against himself. Judge Paschal brings the suit for Mrs. Gaines.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The balances in the United States Treasury at the close of business to-day were: Currency, $3,120,204; special deposits of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $50,655,000; coin, $86,922,401, including $40,898,300 in coin certificates; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000.

THE CASE OF GEN. M'COOK.

The Senate Committee on Territories held meetings this morning and afternoon, at which they heard Gov. Elbert and a delegation of other persons from Colorado in opposition to the confirmation of Gen. McCook as Governor of that Territory.

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

The committee to investigate the affairs of the District of Columbia met this morning. Senator Thurman in the chair, Mr. Boutwell still being unwell. The committee ordered 500 copies of Gov. Shepherd's answer to their interrogatives to be printed, and ordered that the vouchers and papers filed by the Governor be accessible to the counsel for both sides. The committee will meet to-morrow morning to begin the investigation, and will first take up the subject of schools with a view to ascertain the amount of tax levied for school purposes, the amount remaining uncollected, the condition of the schools, &c. The Controller of the District, the Collector of Taxes, and the Superintendent of Public Schools will be present to-morrow as witnesses.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President to-day appointed the following Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad: James F. Wilson, of Iowa; J. H. Millard, of Nebraska; John C. S. Harrison, of Indiana; John A. Tibbetts, of Connecticut, an Francis B. Brewer, of New-York, all for one year from March 11, 1874.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Lieut. Wm. H. Emery is detached from duty in the Asiatic Squadron and ordered to return home; Lieut. Richard M. Cutts is detached from the Hydrographic Office and ordered to duty at the Mare Island Navy-yard; Passed Assistant Engineer A. J. Kenyon is detached from the Mahopac and ordered to the Ajax; Passed Assistant Engineer J. B. Carpenter is detached from the Ajax and ordered to the New-York Navy-yard.

INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 4.—Hon. James B. Groome was inaugurated Governor of Maryland today, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Gov. Wm. Pinckney Whyte. The ceremony took place in the Senate Chamber in presence of both Houses of the Legislature and the Judges of the Court of Appeals.

MOIETIES TO INFORMERS.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

MR. WILLIAM E. DODGE TO BE HEARD TO-DAY—GRIEVANCES OF THE MERCHANTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The statement of Mr. Jayne was continued to-day, before the Committee on Ways and Means. It is substantially determined that Mr. Wm. E. Dodge shall be heard by the committee to-morrow. Mr. Jayne was instructed by the committee, to-day, in the beginning of his remarks, to make his statement entirely impersonal, and not to enter upon specific statements of individual cases. Mr. Jayne's statements before the committee, taken together, appear to have created an unfavorable impression against himself and the moiety system. He has been very much excited in regard to the matter, and has been with great difficulty restrained from the use before the committee of the most offensive and outrageous language toward prominent and reputable merchants of New-York City. He has created the impression of having large personal interests at stake in the result of the Ives investigation. He himself, however, attributes the feeling he has displayed to what he regards as the unwarranted personal attacks made upon him for what he declares to have been the impartial discharge of his official duty. Mr. Jayne stated that in eight at least out of every ten of the cases with which he had been connected, Government officers had been guilty of breaches of official trust, and that he had made full reports, which were on file in the Treasury Department. As he has had some fifty-nine cases in all, there must be, according to his account, charges filed in the department against about forty officers. Some curiosity is manifested to know what became of the officers against whom he has made charges. Mr. Jayne is defiant in his attitude toward the New-York committee and New-York merchants, and challenged them to produce any instance where importers had been troubled by the action of informers, unless they had been guilty of violation of the Revenue laws. The committee charged, among other things, that in the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co., the person in their employ who gave the information on which the case of the Customs officers against them was based, has received a confidential appointment in the Government service, which he now holds. They claim to have some startling revelations to make before the committee. The Boston Committee also relate many instances of hardships suffered by the Boston merchants and importers at the hands of the informers, and if they prove before the committee the facts which are stated by them generally in regard to the operation of the law in Boston, they will produce a very deep impression in favor of the modification of the moiety laws. The matter has certainly reached that point where some decisive action must be recommended by the committee for consideration by Congress.

TESTIMONY OF MR. B. G. JAYNE RESUMED—HIS VIEWS ON THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF A TREASURY AGENT.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The gentlemen present before the Committee on Ways and Means yesterday representing commercial interests were again in the committee room to-day; among them Francis D. Moulton, of the firm of Woodruff & Robinson, of New-York. Mr. Kelley, Chairman pro tem., said he had been instructed to say, for the information of all parties, that the witness, Mr. Jayne, would proceed this morning on the point to which his attention had been called yesterday, namely, the reasons why the moiety law should or should not be changed. The committee desired to hear nothing more about particular cases from him. If the witness should have to refer to a case in illustrating his argument he would do so in an impersonal manner. When the witness shall have finished his statement showing whether the law should be modified or not, or, if modified, in what direction, the committee would postpone his examination, or the examination of any other witness representing the Treasury Department, and then hear business men and boards of trade of cities on points affecting the modification or repeal of the law, the committee reserving the right to call any witness representing the Treasury Department, or any other witness, to enlighten the committee as to the particular operations of the law.

MR. JAYNE'S TESTIMONY CONTINUED.

B. G. Jayne resumed his testimony from yesterday. He noticed, first, the question then submitted to him as to the propriety of defendants or claimants testifying in their own behalf in all civil suits arising under the provision for forfeiture of goods or their value. Under the present law, the first suits are *in rem*, or against the thing. In these cases the claimant has from time immemorial testified as other witnesses. In suits for value the rules of evidence and practice, as they existed in the State Courts in 1789, were adopted by the Federal Courts. The same is true in criminal cases. In New-York a man may testify when arraigned for crime. Within the last two weeks Congress has passed an act making the policy general in its application. He knew of no reason why this should not be the law.

The witness next noticed the second question, viz.:

Whether the sums of money awarded to revenue officers are not excessive, or do they secure too rigorous an enforcement of the law.

Were the question simply as to the amount paid the officer for faithful service he might say all the treasure from the mines of California would not be a sufficient reward for a man possessed of all the qualifications to discharge his duties faithfully and honorably. A man must have a very accurate knowledge of the Treasury system of accounts, the mode of commercial transactions, the *modus operandi* provided by the Treasury regulations for bringing goods to the country. He must trace importations until they are free from Government control, and have entered into the trade of the country. The witness then gave a history of the legislation relative to rewards or moieties to Treasury officers, commencing with the act of 1790—showing the character of the papers to which importers must make oath, the laws simply requiring them to tell the truth. He alluded to the several modifications of the law of rewards and moieties, saying, while he as a Treasury agent had a right to recommend a compromise, yet he had always refused to receive offers of compromise. He had said to those interested on the other side, and who made such offers, "I furnish the facts to the United States Attorney, and you must settle with him." He repeated the law permits a special agent to make a recommendation, but not to make a compromise. The act of March 2, 1841, worked a repeal of the provision of the law giving moieties to officers and informers for putting the money recovered into the Treasury. This act remained in force until 1846. During the time between these dates there was not collected $10,000 in fines, penalties, and forfeitures of all kinds. From that time could be traced the sources of fraud. The question about spies and informers was one for legitimate discussion. Fraud must always precede the information of fraud. It seemed to him the man who gave such information did a commendable act. It was part of good statesmanship to denounce fraud against individuals, corporations, and the nation, and it was just to expose all who defraud the revenue by false invoices. [We omit here a personal and abusive sentence relative to the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co.—ED. TIMES.] He had served the United States with the best of his ability, "with malice toward none and with charity for all." He had never asked for a prosecution except for fraud. These men would have had less trouble with their business if they had transacted it honestly. One thus exposing such frauds has to follow the line of duty, regardless of friend or foe. He must have his mouth closed by law and regulation, because a Treasury agent must speak by rule, with no opportunity for self-vindication against such articles as appear in the New-York *Tribune*. There is no compensation to an honest man thus performing his duty. He asked the committee to call on the Secretary of the Treasury for every communication he had made to him, or for the correspondence with the attorneys who had acted for him. If at any time he had been influenced by the offer of money, he was unworthy the position of a Treasury agent. If, on the other hand, he had performed his duty faithfully, he was deserving of praise, and not of newspaper detraction. Call on the United States Attorney and let him give the committee a list of every man who acted as an attorney for him. Let them tell all he said to them in the strictest privacy. If he had been guilty of even one wrong, let it be indelibly stamped upon him.

The witness then related a case, without giving names, where he found parties occupying the double position of importing merchants and warehousemen. They had done a business of $200,000,000 in five years. They, during that time, were straightforward and without exception. They were importers of salt which paid, prior to August, 1872, twenty-four cents per hundred pounds, in sacks, and eighteen in bulk. At that time the duties were reduced to twelve and eight cents. The Treasury regulations and law required that no goods should be delivered without the presence of revenue officers, but in this case there were a thousand deliveries prior to the permit. The parties delivered to themselves, and thus the Government lost $4,500. The only thing to do was to present the case to the Secretary of the Treasury and ask him to compromise. Had the articles been costly laces instead of salt, the penalty would have been the same. There should be a rule to settle cases on some equitable foundation. He did all he could to modify the rigors of the law. His opinion was that the penal provisions of the revenue laws were not to punish men for errors innocently made, but men for conniving and devising and colluding with offenders. Eight out of ten of such offenses were inside of the Custom-house, and he had reported the names of those implicated to the Secretary of the Treasury for his action. The witness said he had just received the following telegram, which he read:

NEW-YORK, March 4.

To B. G. Jayne:

From your testimony as reported, it might be inferred we had something to do with the Story case. You will recollect we sold the cargo to arrive, the buyer to receive it on arrival in bond. We had nothing to do with the duty. Kindly make the necessary explanations to the committee. (Signed,) E. D. MORGAN & CO.

Mr. Kelley remarked that the committee did not understand the witness as casting any reflection on that firm, and Mr. Jayne observed that he did not do so. The witness said the reward to a Treasury agent for efficient service was the measure of his efficiency. As to the question of black-mail, honest and respectable gentlemen are invulnerable to such approaches. There was no such wrong that it was not in their power to redress, and he could say here, in presence of the committee, that he had never in a single instance tried to influence any man with regard to attorney or counsel. He had assumed that the law placed him against those who violated the law.

Mr. Beck, of the committee, said to the witness: "Your law is very good, but your personal explanations are intolerable. I appeal to the Chairman to stop them."

Mr. Kelley, Chairman pro tem., said to Mr. Jayne: "Deal in an impersonal manner. You are not on trial. You have been called to give your experience as an expert, and not to vindicate yourself as a persecuted or abused man."

Mr. Jayne—I have tried to make the provisions of the law as plain as circumstances would permit. I will let the subject rest where it is. I simply ask indulgence in one thing. If the man who makes a charge against me in this article—(Here the witness held up a copy of the New-York *Tribune* of the 3d inst., and was about to read from it, when Mr. Kelly checked him for the reason just previously stated.)

Mr. Jayne rejoined—Summon the man who asserts it.

Mr. Wood, of the committee—We cannot recognize and take notice of all newspaper reports.

Mr. Kelley informed the witness that the committee expected him to remain in the city, the committee reserving the right to recall him for examination.

Mr. Kelley said that there were parties here complaining of the law or the methods of its administration. The true course was for them to advise the committee of the points they desire to be investigated. It was thought proper first to hear from one who had had a large experience. The examination of Mr. Jayne was intended to be private, but as it involved private character the committee determined that the parties whose names had been mentioned and all who ask for a modification of the law should be present. Finding they were hearing the defendant before the plaintiffs, the committee agreed to now hear the complainants in the case.

Mr. Wood thought it would be unwise to change the course adopted by the committee this morning with regard to questions. He thought it was better to cross-examine Jayne.

Mr. Kelley said they must adhere to what they had determined this morning. He requested Jayne to leave the stand, and then invited the gentlemen present to arrange the order of hearing. Any gentleman who wants questions propounded can present them at the proper time.

THE AGENT OF THE BOSTON BOARD OF TRADE.

H. D. Hyde, appearing as counsel for the Boston Board of Trade, said before proceeding to the discussion of the question, he wished, in behalf of himself and friends, to thank the committee for stopping the proceedings of yesterday—alluding to the objectionable remarks of Mr. Jayne.

Mr. Kelley—We think that is as improper as the proceeding itself.

Mr. Hyde—But we thank you for it. He said they did not come here to discuss revenue questions, nor tariff, nor free trade, specific or *ad valorem* duties. They came to ask for certain specific changes in the laws. An impression prevailed that the merchants were asking a way out of their difficulties. They did not ask them to relax the laws for the punishment of crime, but want all such statutes enforced. They believed a crime against the Revenue laws was a crime against public policy—as much a crime as any crime committed against an individual or body politic. If you are in danger of life and limb the courts give you redress; if our property is stolen, the law protects us; if the Government lose revenue from recklessness or fraud, the wrong-doers should be punished, but punishment should be in proportion to the offense. Mr. Hyde then asked the committee that the law authorizing the seizure of books and papers be repealed. Such seizures, he argued, were violations of the Constitution of the United States, and those whom he represented also asked a repeal of the law giving moieties to informers.

Before concluding his argument the committee adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 4.—The house of a colored man named Sears, nine miles from this city, was burnt yesterday. Two children, aged three and four years, who were locked inside, were burned to death. Their parents were absent at the time.

FREIGHTS ON THE WESTERN RAILROADS.

CHICAGO, March 4.—The freight agents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads, and of the Chicago roads have finally agreed upon a basis of pro rating freights, the charges for freight to San Francisco being divided among the companies in proportion to the length of line.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO BE RE-ELECTED—DEATH OF DR. FORBES WINSLOW.

LONDON, March 4.—It has been finally settled that Right Hon. Henry Bouverie Brand, Speaker of the last House of Commons, shall be re-elected to that position in the new House by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Forbes Winslow, the well-known medical writer, is dead.

PRAYERS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE ASHANTEE EXPEDITION—THE FENIAN PRISONERS.

LONDON, March 4.—Prayers were said in the churches to-day for the safety of the Ashantee expedition.

Preparations are being made for a monster demonstration in Hyde Park, on March 14, in favor of am

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

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THE ALCOHOL COMMISSION.

The unfinished morning hour business, which was the Liquor Traffic bill, was taken up.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, submitted an amendment providing that all of the Commissioners to make the inquiry should not be in favor of prohibitory legislation or total abstinence.

Mr. CONKLING favored the adoption of the amendment, and said the inspiration of the inquiry was by temperance men. It was this circumstance that gave him the respect he had for the subject. Could any temperance man doubt that if any value at all was to be attached to the report, that value would be greatly enhanced if there should be one man at least on the commission who would have bias enough to ask questions which would be overlooked by the advocates of prohibitory legislation.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, also advocated the adoption of the amendment. He favored legislation on his subject, which he believed one of the most important before the American people. There should be ample opportunity for all sides to be heard. It was proper to legislate on the subject, as the Government was deeply interested in it by the collection of a large amount of tax annually.

Mr. BROWN, of Wisconsin, did not think it proper to have anti-temperance men on the commission to investigate into the liquor traffic.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, said that if the Senate voted down the amendment and declared upon its record that it meant to be wholly partial and have a one-sided inquiry, it would do more to injure the temperance cause than anything else it could do.

Mr. CARPENTER said he understood this to be a move looking to future legislation in this body. The report of the commission would have greater weight if all the members of it should not be of one way of thinking on the question. Both sides should be represented, and the report would then have five times the influence it would have were all on the same side.

During the discussion of Mr. Bayard's amendment, the morning hour expired, and the bill went over.

Mr. CARPENTER said he gave notice a few days ago that he would ask the indulgence of the Senate to submit some remarks on the Louisiana bill introduced by him, and if it was the pleasure of the Senate, he would now ask that all pending orders be laid aside, that he might address the Senate on that bill.

Mr. CAMERON made an effort to have the Centennial bill taken up, but the motion of Mr. Carpenter to lay aside all pending orders and take up the Louisiana bill was agreed to.

Mr. CARPENTER said he proposed to go directly to business, and waste no time of the Senate in any glowing speech. He would repeat nothing he had said on former occasions, but would endeavor to single out matters in connection with the Louisiana case upon which both himself and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Morton) had acted, and would endeavor to show that all the circumstances required the passage of the bill proposed by him. He reviewed the election returns, and said it was clearly shown that McEnery had received 9,360 majority on the face of the returns, and the election to have been a fair one. As Congress had already authorized an investigation into Louisiana affairs, it seemed to him, as it had gone so far in these matters, that it must proceed and settle them. He referred to the argument of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Morton) and the opinion of Judge Lynch, in which the Senator decided in favor of Kellogg, and said the testimony before the Senate Committee showed such a state of fraud as would set aside the decision of any tribunal. The Senator (Mr. Morton), from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, in his report in regard to the Presidential election in Louisiana, had stated that the Lynch board, in making the count and declaring the election of electors, had no legal evidence upon which it could count the votes. The Senator had shown the invalidity attached to the action of the Lynch board in the count for Presidential electors, and both Houses of Congress acted upon that report. The Senator (Mr. Morton) now claimed that the Supreme Court of the State had decided that the Lynch board was the legal board, and that the Senate had no jurisdiction to the fact that that decision was made before the report of the Senator from Indiana above referred to. He (Mr. Carpenter) regretted that the Senator (Mr. Morton) was not in his seat to-day, and would pass from that branch of his argument, and call attention to things which he intended to refer to. How would Congress look before the country after deciding that the election was void as to the Presidential electors, but legal as to the State officials? The Senator (Mr. Morton) having led the Senate in the first phase, now seeks to lead it in a counter movement. The Supreme Court of Louisiana was part of the State Government, and when Congress was to inquire whether the Government of that State was republican in form, the Supreme Court could no more settle it than the Legislature could. That power was vested exclusively in Congress. Again, the question was not a judicial one at all, but a political one, and must be determined by the political department of the Government. The Supreme Court of the United States itself could not decide it, and the decision of the Supreme Court of Louisiana was not entitled to a moment's consideration. The court had never attempted to decide the question directly, but all it did say in effect was that the Lynch board was the legal board. It never said whether it was honestly or corruptly. The Senator from Indiana (Mr. Morton) had rested his case upon two points, the decision of the State Supreme Court, and the recognition of the Kellogg Government by the President of the United States. On a former occasion he (Mr. Carpenter) had stated that no proper case had been made out for the President's action in issuing his proclamation, and the Senator from Indiana got on his high horse to illustrate his fidelity to the Administration, a thing entirely unnecessary for him to bolster himself up in executive favor by denouncing somebody else for falling short. Suppose Gen. Grant did misconstrue a statute, did it make him a worse man? Not at all, and he (Mr. Carpenter) protested against the Senator (Mr. Morton) declaring that there had been an attack upon the Presidency when he (Mr. Carpenter) pointed out a misconstruction of a statute. Such Justices as Mansfield, Story, and Marshall would sit and listen for days to an argument to show them where they were in error, while a Justice of the Peace would knock you down for suggesting that he was in error. He (Mr. Carpenter) denied that he had made any attack on the President. Referring to the argument of the Senator from New-Jersey, (Mr. Frelinghuysen,) as to the power of the President to act in putting down the insurrection when he had satisfied himself that it existed, Mr. Carpenter said there was but one man in the United States, except Senator Frelinghuysen, who entertained such an opinion, and that was Andrew Johnson. He maintained that he was the United States, and that he had the power to intervene under the Constitution.

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Mr. CARPENTER said one of the greatest pleasures of his life was that of information, and he trusted he would listen as a faithful disciple at the feet of his master when the gentleman from New-Jersey would undertake to show him that under the Constitution, the President, of his own volition, and without a proper request from the State, could determine that a state insurrection existed in the State and proceed to put it down. A court of justice could not decide a case between the Senator and himself of $200 without a record. Why? Because it was a court of record and had a seal. Congress by the United States was a court of record. The mere cry, by telegraph to the President, "come and help us," was not sufficient for his interference. He (Mr. Carpenter) believed that if the Federal troops were withdrawn from Louisiana Kellogg's Government would not stand. There were two questions involved as to the passage of this bill: First, have we the power to pass it? Second, the expediency of passing it. The Constitution provides that each State shall have a republican form of government, and one of the first requisites of a republican form of government is that its offices shall be filled by persons elected by the people. The power of Congress was derived from the Constitution, not from the tumults in Louisiana, or the frauds of Durell, or the Lynch board, and he asked every Senator within his hearing if Congress had not the power to give the people of that State what they have been cheated out of, namely, the right to elect their own officers. Should our Government be overthrown it would be by these steady encroachments. Congress should see at all times that each State had a republican form of government, and any Senator declaring that Congress had not the power to interfere now would declare to Kellogg and his followers, you can repeat this thing in 1876, and 1880, and in 1884; Congress has no power to set it right. If Congress had no authority to interfere, then the McEnery Government could set itself up also by force. Violence was as good a title as fraud, and a little more manly. When a man skulks beneath the soiled robes of a Federal Judge, he has not the manliness of the one who goes out with sword in hand to maintain his position. There was no question in his mind as to the power of Congress to take up the Constitution of any State and declare whether or not it was republican in form. The power of Congress was supreme.

Mr. FERRY, of Connecticut, said he must differ from the gentleman as to the power of Congress.

Mr. CARPENTER said he was sorry the Senator would stand in his place and virtually say if Kellogg and his friends joined hands and defied the people of the State for fifty years Congress could not interfere. Did he mean to say if a band of ruffians should seize the State that Congress could not then interfere?

Mr. FERRY said he meant to say that under our system of government there is within the State a remedy for the usurpation of the State Government, or also a republican form of government is a total failure.

Mr. CARPENTER said, suppose the people of Connecticut should declare they would have a monarchy that they were sick and tired of republican government, and that their Governor and Legislature should remain in office for life, would Congress then have power to interfere?

Mr. FERRY said there was a remedy for that. Where the whole people of a State preferred a monarchical government, it was an entirely different thing. He heartily concurred with the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Carpenter) that the State Government of Louisiana was, root and branch, usurpation; but he could not agree with him as to the remedies.

Mr. CARPENTER said in debate of this kind he was in a position of fighting in the open field against an ambuscade. The gentleman (Mr. Ferry) had his views, but would not let them out. If he has a plan, why not let it be known? He (Mr. Carpenter) was like McClellan in one thing—he was not weak to say particulars. (Laughter.) When the Senate had a case, and it was ripe for it, then he (Mr. Carpenter) proposed to present his views. He was ready to argue it on the law and the facts, and he would not be driven from that position. He would not waste the time of the Senate in any glowing speech. He would repeat nothing he had said on former occasions, but would endeavor to single out matters in connection with the Louisiana case upon which both himself and the Senator from Indiana had acted, and would endeavor to show that all the circumstances required the passage of the bill proposed by him. 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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

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SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—MONEY—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Brougham, Miss J. Lewis.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—A ROUND OF PLEASURE—VARIETIES—Mr. G. L. FOX, Mr. G. K. FOX, Wilson Brothers.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—LED ASTRAY—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—MEDEA—Mme. Fanny Janauschek, Miss Mary Wells, Mr. Milnes Levick.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—CHARITY—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. Frank Hardenberg, Miss Fanny Davenport.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—LEATHERSTOCKING—Mr. G. F. Rowe, Miss Cathcart.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT.

THE COLOSSEUM.—CYCLORAMA OF PARIS BY MOONLIGHT—MUSIC, &c.—Afternoon and evening.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

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Mr. CARPENTER yesterday called up his bill for a new election in Louisiana, and made another speech of considerable length in support of it. He addressed his argument in large part to the vital question, Has Congress the power to enact the bill proposed? So far as we can judge from the Associated Press report, Mr. CARPENTER'S answer to this question was not more convincing than his previous statements. His position briefly is, that a Government where the officers are not actually elected by the people is not republican in form, and should be overthrown by Congress. But this failure, in the case of one set of officers to secure the fruits of a popular election, may be caused, as any of our readers can see, not by any unrepublican feature in the form of government, but by defective Election laws, or by conflicting judicial decisions, or by election frauds, such as unfortunately occur in nearly all States, or by a combination of these. We cannot see how it can be contended that the guarantee of a republican form of government was meant to apply to such cases. It could not have been, and its history, as we have pointed out before, shows that it was not. Mr. CARPENTER seems to go on the theory that what is not forbidden to Congress is allowed to it. The opposite theory accords much more nearly with the best construction of the Constitution. Certainly, in the present instance, some positive authority for the course Mr. CARPENTER recommends should be presented before the course is adopted.

It has been a prevalent delusion that the Collectorship of this port was worth about $100,000 a year—say as much as the position of Sheriff or Chamberlain under the rule of the Tammany Ring. A statement which we publish this morning shows that the emoluments of the office have been greatly overrated. The fees resulting from fines, &c., paid to five Collectors—extending over a period of 12 years, 7 months, and 25 days—are there given, and the average yearly income from that source is shown to be a little over $32,000. It has been asserted that the income from these fines has been increased under recent holders of the office. The reverse of this is the case. To find the maximum rate of emolument we must go back to 1864–65, when Mr. DRAPER received his share of this branch of income at the rate of $56,000 a year, and to find the lowest we must come down to Mr. ARTHUR'S term, when the annual rate of income is found to be exactly half that enjoyed by Mr. DRAPER. A similar remark applies, of course, to the share of fines, &c., received by the Naval Officers and Surveyors.

When the Senate comes to consider the bill compelling the building of Highland avenue, in Rockland County, due regard should be paid to the protests against the project which have been presented by the property-owners who must pay the expense of it. This avenue was originally designed for the benefit of prominent members of the Tammany Ring, who proposed to build a large hotel on Hook Mountain, and desired a road to it at the cost of somebody else. The avenue is now being pushed by other land speculators, but is not needed for the public convenience. The Legislature should not do anything in the matter, but permit it to remain where the courts have placed it. Senator ROBERTSON can easily secure such a decision as this, and we hope he will not fail to serve the taxpayers of his district rather than a few hungry adventurers. The bill is, moreover, vicious in principle, being in the character of special legislation, and should be killed for that reason.

Whatever may be the decision of the House upon the bill to regulate commerce among the States, the debate to which it has given rise cannot fail to be a public benefit. The right of Congress to control the railroads of the country, under the constitutional power to regulate commerce among the States, is a comparatively new question in our politics. The arguments in favor of the existence of this right have been stated very distinctly, and there is reason to believe that the public sentiment of a large section of the country agrees with the extreme views announced by Mr. HURLBUT yesterday, when he asserted the power of Congress in this matter to be practically unlimited. The pending bill, however, does nothing more than declare that railroads shall not make extortionate charges, nor unjust discriminations. But if Congress can make such a law, it can go to any length in regulating railroads. If the bill should pass, and the law be sustained by the courts, it would doubtless be found that little additional legislation of this kind would be required. The mere fact that Congress would be able to interfere whenever necessary would have the effect of correcting many of the evils of which the country so justly complains.

Possibly the Regents of the University may not be the proper body to appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction, but it is quite certain that the educational system of the State should no longer be subjected to a divided control. The bill pending in the Legislature, giving the appointment of the Superintendent to the Regents, and making that officer subject to their government, has no other object, as we understand the matter, than to secure that unity of authority which all admit to be essential. The intemperate zeal with which it has been attacked in some quarters is therefore not called for by the circumstances of the case. Let the opponents of this measure propose something better, and it will be sure to receive fair consideration. It is the reform which is needed, and there should be a general desire to search for the best means of attaining it. A full discussion of the subject will, we think, lead to the conclusion that the Regents should have more authority or none. A question like this does not call for hot words, or for suspicion of motives on either side. The opponents of the bill can best serve their cause by keeping their temper.

The English, who are fond of trying their experiments very gradually, and as few as possible of them at a time, are discussing the results of minority representation in the late elections. The elections themselves were undoubtedly a check to all further innovation in nearly every direction; but it is found that minority representation, though a new thing, is exceedingly conservative in its operation. "It really affords," says the London *Economist*, "a kind of safety-valve for representative government." It prevents radical and sweeping changes, not by interfering with the substantial transfer of power, but by securing the election of vigorous and skilled men to criticise those to whom power is transferred. Thus Mr. GOSCHEN, in London, owes his seat to the minority clause in the voting law, and the three great English cities of Liverpool, Manchester, and London would, but for it, be represented wholly by Conservatives, though the actual majority of these is small. The current of comment on the experiment in England is strongly in favor of the principle.

We have frequently intimated our opinion about Mr. DALY'S bill for transferring the power over the streets in the vicinity of the new parks from the department where it naturally belongs to the Department of Public Works. The bill will be finally discussed in the Senate to-day, and the simplest way of dealing with the subject is to refuse to make any such transfer. The Department of Parks has fixed the grades of the new avenues and of the thoroughfares connected with them in a manner perfectly satisfactory to the property-owners directly interested in the work, and the engineers who have made the plans are, naturally, best qualified to carry them out. The entire dispute affords a notable illustration of the disjointed character of our Municipal organization. It is rather a curious spectacle to see two heads of departments engaged for days together in influencing the Legislature for or against the bill in question. The inquiry naturally suggests itself, Is this the kind of work they are paid for doing, and who is responsible for the proper conduct of the department while its head is engaged at Albany? Under a harmonious system of local government, no such bill would find its way to the Legislature without being formally indorsed by the executive and legislative powers of the City. But it looks as if this kind of harmony were impossible, unless under the rule of a ring, and anything is better than that.

The increase in the City and County debt during last month amounts to a little over two millions of dollars. Of this $1,800,000 is not, strictly speaking, an addition to the public debt at all, being issued in anticipation of the taxes of the year to pay for current expenditures, for which the taxes due eight months hence are the sole provision. The increase of the permanent debt during February is very slight indeed, and the increase of cash in the sinking fund affords gratifying evidence of the continued productiveness of City revenues.

THE BASIS OF FREE BANKING.

The opponents of free banking, who object to it that it is not a perfect remedy for our financial difficulties, and that it does not furnish a thorough protection against the dangers which every thoughtful observer acknowledges to exist, are mistaken if they consider their objection fatal. Nobody could see more clearly than the more intelligent advocates of free banking that it will not be, and cannot be, a perfectly sound and safe system under our present financial conditions. There is no royal road out of our troubles, and it would be absurd to argue that free banking is such a road. But it may, nevertheless, promise more relief, with less probability of abuse, than any other measure which can be regarded as practicable. If this is the case let us have it, by all means, and with it let us take every possible precaution to prevent its abuse, and all possible care to make it beneficial.

It is a great misfortune to the country, and it would prove a source of great danger to the banks, that banking, if made free, would have, as the basis of circulation, the unredeemed promissory notes of the Government. These certainly do not form such a basis as a great commercial country like our own ought to employ for its banking system. These notes would tempt to expansion beyond safe limits by the stimulus which they give to speculation, and they would multiply the difficulties of recovering from expansion by the ease with which, being a fixed currency, not to be increased or diminished by foreign supply and demand, they can be "cornered," and "locked up," and otherwise manipulated. The only reasonably safe basis for an extensive bank-note circulation in an active and prosperous commercial country is gold, the currency of the world. That is by no means an entirely safe basis, as the financial history of England shows. But it is the best known. It affords the greatest stability and the greatest adaptability. It best answers the needs of modern commerce. It is the most conducive to profitable relations with other commercial countries. It makes enterprises, great and small, requiring foresight and calculation, safer and more manageable than any other, and it is in respect, of all these features precisely what a currency of unredeemed Government notes is not.

But because we cannot now provide the best, or even a very good basis for free banking, it does not follow that we should not adopt that system. The experience of the last few years teaches us that free banking would do a great deal that cannot be done without it, and that what it can do is so absolutely essential that, in a time of great distress, it was done though the law forbade it. We all know that in the panic of last Fall the banks snapped the bands of the law like green withes. They directly disregarded the restriction on their loans, and drove the Controller of the Currency to the ridiculous decision that the restriction was only imposed to be disregarded in grave emergencies, or, practically, at the discretion of the banks. They indirectly broke through the restriction on circulation by making of certified checks a supplemental currency, which for the time being almost entirely took the place of all other forms. Nor can it be denied that this extraordinary and irregular action of the banks, substantially outside of or in violation of the law, gave far more relief to the business of the country, and contributed far more to tide over the then existing difficulties, than the action of the Government itself. In other words, what the Government could not do, and what the law failed to provide for, the banks did in the exercise of that discretion which the law has undertaken to hamper and almost destroy.

This is an illustration of what we mean when we say that, even with a mischievous greenback basis, the banks, if free, would be safer and more efficient than any regulation by law can make them. And especially they would know how to meet those periodical stringencies in the money market which, under the conditions of production and exchange in our country, are inevitable, and with which the Government has heretofore vainly contended, by the use of that instrument of doubtful power, "the reserve." We do not believe anything could be worse for the country, whatever free banks might do, than the effects that have attached to the extraordinary and pernicious doctrine of the right of the Treasury to reissue withdrawn Government notes.

Moreover, it must be remembered that the institution of free banking does not prevent, or tend to prevent, the redemption of the Government notes, and the substitution of specie as the basis of banking. We think that the latter step might far better precede the former. We believe there is nothing that can take the place, in financial legislation, of an immediate provision for the honest payment of the demand notes of the Government. Nothing can save us from embarrassment, confusion, and loss so long as we tolerate the false position we are now in. We shall not regard the establishment of free banking as any reason for abandoning the earnest advocacy of the payment of the greenbacks. But we believe, nevertheless, that there is a safety in free banking that it would be well to profit by.

PAGANISM AT HOME.

The petition of a number of the citizens of the Eighth Ward to District Attorney PHELPS directs public attention to an open sore in our social system. Nowhere in this Union does the evil complained of show the unblushing front which it does in New-York. The public have grown tolerably familiar with the periodic farce of Police "raids" upon the houses of ill-fame in the Eighth Ward and elsewhere, and people have come to consider the existence of these places to be as inevitable as those closely-affiliated dens of iniquity, the gambling-houses. Yet the keepers of both are liable, under the statutes, to, at least, the penalties of a misdemeanor, and it requires only vigilance and energy on the part of the Police to secure all the evidence needed to shut up every such notorious haunt in the City. The task is one altogether too vast to be dealt with by the public prosecuting officer without the zealous co-operation of the Police force. The somewhat roundabout way of sending the petition for the indorsement of the Board of Education may delay its coming officially under the notice of Mr. PHELPS, but we have no doubt that the District Attorney is quite ready to waive formality in such a case, could he only see his way clear to a thoroughly-effective prosecution of the keepers of infamous houses. Within a short distance of Police Head-quarters, there has existed for years the nucleus of this blighting evil, and until the Police Commissioners resolve upon an organized crusade against this mode of defying the law and outraging public decency, and until they insist upon Police Captains carrying out their instructions to the letter, we fear that the District Attorney can move in the matter to but little purpose.

But is not public opinion almost as callous on this subject as successive Police Commissioners have been? The Eighth Ward petitioners allege that owing to the spread of infamous houses in their midst, their "real estate has depreciated in value until now it is comparatively almost worthless, for the reason that no family that values its character and standing will move into our ward, and no business firm that has any respect for itself and its customers" will enter the tainted neighborhood. These are good practical reasons for moving against the evil, but has the public outside of the Eighth Ward no interest in the process of purification? The evil is, in the first place, not by any means confined to that locality, and if it were, is not a centre of moral disease as dangerous to society at large as a centre of physical pestilence? If the Eighth Ward were devastated by small-pox, the whole City would feel a vital concern in purging that locality of infection. The moral taint that centres between Canal and Houston streets knows no boundaries, but it is as well to apply the process of extirpation where its existence is most manifest.

But while the coercive power of law is being brought out, what of our churches? Have they no work cut out for them here? The work, we know, is both an extremely delicate and difficult one. But while we hold it to be our duty to send missionaries to the interior of Africa to bear witness to the universal evangelizing power of Christianity, we surely cannot afford to sit down baffled before a stronghold of paganism in our very midst. There is a religious revival in progress in London at this moment, of which the work of preaching to and praying with fallen women forms a conspicuous feature. That work is being prosecuted, for the most part, by Ritualistic clergymen of the Church of England, aided by ladies belonging to a kind of Protestant sisterhood. There are, about the methods of this work, a good many things which the majority of our Evangelical churches would hardly approve, but there can be no question about the earnestness and the energy with which it is prosecuted. Two West End churches—one of them next door to the chief casino in London—open their doors, night after night, and send out clergymen around those centres of the iniquity of the metropolis—Lower Regent street and the Haymarket—to collect a congregation. The chief aim is to bring the abandoned female habitués of those quarters under the personal influence of the experienced Christian women who are in waiting to converse with and advise them. So far, at least, the work is one of which all Christians can approve.

It does not fall within our province to suggest in what way the churches of this City can most fitly deal with an evil against which Christianity in all ages has been called on to struggle. Let the resolution once be taken, and some means of united effort will readily enough suggest itself. Meanwhile, would it not be well to examine a little into the question of whether church members do not stand behind infamous houses in the Eighth Ward and elsewhere in the character of landlords, and, if so, whether that is a position compatible with church membership? The daily and weekly newspapers, which lend their columns to the keepers and inmates of infamous houses, hardly need to be specified, and against them and their influence we should imagine that few Christian families need, at this time of day, to be warned.

BRAIN-WORK IN SCHOOLS.

Perhaps at no previous period has the general question of the health of school children engaged so much public attention as has recently been given to it. Certainly at no time has such attention been more needed. Leaving entirely out of view the inquiry whether the studies and arrangements of schools now are or are not more unfavorable to health than they formerly were, the extension of facilities for popular education, and the greater number of school children, would alone be a sufficient reason for an increased degree of interest in the subject.

Among the topics pertaining to the question, there is one which, we think, has received much less consideration than its importance demands. We allude to the direct influence of brain-work upon the general tone of the physical system. A great deal has been said—and much of it with perfect justice—in regard to the injurious effects of imperfect ventilation, close confinement, and insufficient exercise. All these, undoubtedly, are important matters. But the direct effect of mental labor upon bodily health is a point which demands fully as much consideration as either of them, and, we think, has received much less. Indeed, it seems frequently not to be taken into account at all, even by many of those who have given careful thought to the other points we have mentioned.

The fact that intellectual labor is capable of being exceedingly exhaustive to the physical strength is one which we need not stop to prove, and which scarcely ever calls for illustration. Every well-informed man has seen or read of numerous instances in which the health of distinguished authors, or other individuals who had performed a great deal of intellectual work, was injured or their life in all probability materially shortened, in this way. But there are many intelligent people to whom the idea does not seem to occur that what is so often injurious, or even fatal, to full-grown men can possibly do any harm to a child. The question, for example, how much hard study a boy between the ages of ten and fourteen years is to do resolves itself, in the minds of very many persons, into the simple inquiry how much he can be coaxed or driven into doing. Such persons are indeed frequently (and with perfectly good reason) horrified at the application of a similar principle in factories or other places where children are employed in manual labor. And yet, in these United States of America, whatever may be true of other countries, the health of probably ten or twenty times as many children is impaired by overwork in schools as by overwork in factories. There is many a little boy with clean stockings, nicely-combed hair, and hands that delightfully manifest a familiarity with nail-brushes, whose sufferings from being obliged to perform a degree of mental labor which his nervous system is unable to sustain, are no slight matter, either in themselves considered, or in their effect upon his prospect of health when he grows to be a man.

One of the greatest and most frequent errors in regard to brain-work is that of taking it for granted that because one child of a certain age can bear a certain amount of it, another child of the same age can undergo the same amount. There are few things in regard to which individuals, whether adults or children, differ so much as in their ability to endure intellectual labor. Why this is so—what there is in the brain and nervous system of some persons that enables them to do so much more of this kind of work than others—is an inquiry which, in many cases at least, no physiologist nor physician is able satisfactorily to answer. But though the cause of this fact is so little understood, the fact itself is almost everywhere, except in regard to school children, recognized and acted upon. In respect to schools, somehow or other it seems to be frequently almost entirely left out of view. The consequences of this neglect are often very disastrous. They may not appear immediately; in most instances they do not. The injurious effects of overwork of the brain are often long in showing themselves, but they are sometimes all the worse on that account. The length of time which elapses before they are visible frequently causes them—especially in the case of nervous disorders—to become deeply seated, and immeasurably increases the difficulty of eradicating them.

We hope that this topic of overwork of the brain in schools will hereafter obtain a greater proportion of the attention of those interested in the subject of the health of school children than has hitherto been the case. We are fully convinced that as a general rule, more of such labor is required in schools than is consistent with health, or than is conducive to the best intellectual development. But whether we are right or wrong in this idea, the matter is certainly one of great importance, and one which demands far more consideration than it has ever yet received.

THE EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS.

Some time since we asserted that the Commissioners of Emigration were spending more than one-third of their income derived from the emigrant head-money in salaries, and spending more for this purpose than the Tammany board which was abolished for extravagance in salaries. This assertion the Treasurer of the board denied, and we thereupon proved it from proof-sheets of his own financial exhibit. Since then we have looked in vain for any explanation of this very damaging fact. On Friday last, the 27th of February, was published the full report of the Commissioners, which, according to law, should be published by the 1st of February in each year. That report contains what we suppose is meant for an answer to our charge, in the shape of an alteration of the figures in the financial tables. Under the head of disbursements for Ward's Island, we find set down for salaries in the report, page 188, $26,586 23, and for meat $19,702 41. According to the proof-sheets in our possession, and on which our charge was based, these figures should read $27,086 23 for salaries and $19,202 41 for meat. All the other items are the same in the report as in the proof, and the totals ($117,578 21) are not only identical, but contain the same identical error, the figure 8 being substituted, either by a mistake in addition or a typographical blunder, for the figure 5.

The Legislature, we think, should inquire how this very curious oversight occurred, and by what arithmetical process the Commissioners discovered that exactly $500 was overcharged in their salaries account, and exactly $500 undercharged on their meat account, without at the same time discovering the error in their total? The alteration takes a striking significance from the fact that this deduction of $500 suffices to reduce the average of salaries under the present board very nearly to the level of the board which was abolished for extravagance. It gains still more significance from the fact that a detailed statement of the employes, and the salaries paid to each, which we find in our proof, is omitted in the report.

Moreover, we cannot yet discover any intelligible explanation of the deficiency (claimed to exist on the 1st of January, of $66,000) beyond the stated overdraft of $2,401 69. In fact, this whole financial statement seems to us simply unintelligible on any basis which does not presuppose incompetency or deception in its preparation. On the 20th of January, each of the Commissioners swore to the entire correctness of the report, including, of course, the financial tables not then published, but necessarily prepared. At the hearing on the proposed increase of head-money before the Joint Committee on Commerce and Navigation, held on the 12th of February, a proof of the Treasurer's report, identical with that we hold, (and on which our charges of extravagance were based,) was exhibited as the correct financial statement thus sworn to. Yet, on the 27th of February, the report is published with the figures altered in essential particulars, and in such a way as precludes the supposition of typographical blunders. This seems to us a case calling for investigation. Will the Legislature take note of it?

A RAILWAY TRAIN ON FIRE.

The accident on the Great Western Railway, by which a number of persons lost their lives, appears to have been as uncommon as it was disastrous. Cars not unfrequently, when wrecked or overturned in a railway collision, are set on fire by stoves or lamps, and so consumed where they lie. But we do not remember to have heard before of a case where a car was set on fire while running upon the track, and so burned up at the rate of forty miles an hour. In the well-remembered New-Hamburg disaster, the ill-fated sleeping car was left standing by the force of the collision, and so covered with the flaming oil as to be almost instantaneously destroyed. But in the accident near London the burning car ran for nearly three miles and six minutes, which must have seemed an eternity to its passengers, before being entirely consumed.

The accounts of the accident which have reached us are not very clear, but the car appears to have been the rear one of the train, and the fire to have been caused by the falling of a lamp at its forward end. The passenger who first discovered it seems to have made a fatal error in not at once giving the alarm, when it might easily have been extinguished. Instead of doing this he attempted, as he says, "to avoid excitement," to put it out himself by smothering it with seat cushions. But one cushion after another he failed to detach, and when at last he succeeded in getting one, he found it too stiff to be of any use. By that time the fire had gained such headway as, fanned as it was by the rapid motion of the train, made it impossible of extinction. Why the passenger who wished to avoid excitement did not at once proclaim his alarming discovery to the conductor, who seems to have been on that car, or at least at that end of the train, baffles conjecture. Or how it was that those on the next car ahead failed to discover the situation, and signal the engineer to stop the train, is equally difficult to surmise. As it was, the bell-rope broke, or had not been properly connected, the conductor was unable to make his way to the engine until it was too late, and so through the night and the darkness the burning car sped on, while the panic-stricken passengers either perished in the flames, or flung themselves headlong through the windows to what seemed almost a certain death upon the track. For more than two miles, it is said, the road was strewn with the maimed and bleeding forms of men and women, who had thus endeavored to escape one form of destruction by flying to another. Many perished; many who escaped death will be maimed for life, and all because some one whose duty it was had neglected to see that the bell-rope was properly connected with the engine.

We trust that the guilty person will not escape suitable punishment, although from the experience of the past we cannot look forward to such an event with any great degree of confidence. But what we have a better right to expect is that precautions will now be taken against the recurrence of such an accident in the future. On almost all our cars, kerosene lamps are used for lighting, often insufficiently secured, and liable at any time to be misplaced and knocked over by the jolting of the train. The wonder is that accidents of this kind are not more frequent. Science should surely be able to discover some illuminating material less dangerous than this, and legislation, if necessary, should stimulate the exertions of science. A little ingenuity, too, it seems to us, would suffice to secure the lamp from upsetting, or to insure its extinguishment if it does upset. Plainly, we cannot afford a repetition of such disasters as this at London, and whatever humanitarians may say, it would probably be found the truest humanity in the end to punish even with death the person whose carelessness or neglect of duty is responsible for such frightful massacres.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE CENTENNIAL CONTEST.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

There is one view of the discussion now going on in the Senate as to the centennial, which, though not, I concede, a high one, is worth taking. I mean the revelation made of party and local affinities and antagonisms. It may not be amiss to bring this very clearly to the view of your Republican readers, and more especially of those who give an honest and independent support to President Grant's Administration. For none others do I now write. It is useless to disguise the truth that the centennial enterprise in the beginning was, and in its conduct down to this time has been, mainly a Republican creation. We do not mean to intimate that it was avowedly or offensively proclaimed to be so. Many Democrats, under local influences, gave it their support, but the prevalent complexion was Republican. It had its origin in a city and State which from 1860 till now—fifteen years of trial and five of agony—have never swerved, not only from fidelity to Republican standards, but, more than that, especial fidelity to President Grant. Pennsylvania Republicanism has (if I may venture the illustration which is becoming familiar, if not classic,) "stood like a stone wall." Strange to say, the late local squabble, in her metropolis has left no scar in this respect. Both the Senators and and all the Representatives are earnest supporters of the Administration. On her soil, and under this atmosphere, has the centennial been planted and grown. Its roots are set, then, too deeply to be torn up by any adverse blast. There has been generous watering of the earth by local munificence. Again, the charter was the work of a Republican Congress, and the initiate proclamation, as well as the annual and the special messages, were the utterances of a Republican President. But, to give this still more emphasis, let us look for a moment as to who are not only its friends, but its enemies in and out of Congress. Of the latter, first: No Republican press, of this part of the world at least, has said any word of unkindness of it. Even the leading Liberal organ has been generally either silent or moderately friendly. On the other hand, the bitterest and most contemptuous opposition comes from those journals, one Democratic, and the other, if not technically, more bitterly antagonistic to the Grant Administration than if it were so. Surely, it ought not to abate the zeal of the Administration party in behalf of the centennial to know that it is the object of denunciation of organs which, day in and day out, are denouncing the President as an incapable sot, and his advisers, one and all as either fools or rogues. We should think that even Secretary Fish would rather regret his adverse cautionary action when he reads what the *World* and the *Sun* every day say of him, his chief, and his colleagues. Then, again, in Congress: There was no difficulty in the House of Representatives when, backed by the whole party force even Gens. Hawley and Butler worked in unison. In the Senate the difficulty begins, and in the Senate, as every one knows, the germ of bitter animosity, amounting to personal antipathy, is to be found. This discussion thus far shows opposition from Messrs. Thurman, Stevenson, and, alas! for the value of historic association, Stockton—all Democrats, the latter, in despair of re-election, flying in the face of his own State. Senator Bayard and his colleague, and the Senators from Maryland, naturally sympathizing with a Middle State memorial, we are glad to see take no adverse part. Senator Schurz has done a noble duty. Still it is clear that many Democrats will oppose the centennial, because, in so doing, they think they will annoy the President. Then, too, the chief opposition, after all, is from Senator Sumner; and his relations to the Administration admit of no misconception. He has not only spoken against it in what seems to us a most rhetorical and inconclusive way, but, *more suo*, had his speech of antagonism heralded days and weeks beforehand. He detests the centennial just as he detests Baez and San Domingo, and much more than he disliked Mr. Simmons, against whom he merely voted. While some others have been silent whom we might wish to see favorable, Mr. Sherman, who occupies a high function, approves in an effective way, and the President's true and steady friends, Senator Frelinghuysen and the two Senators from Pennsylvania, have done their work nobly. All New-Jersey, Democratic and Republican, which has as a State committed herself to the enterprise, will thank Mr. Frelinghuysen for the stand he has taken. He remembers (what his Democratic colleague seems to have forgotten) his glorious Revolutionary ancestry.

This, then, being the confessed state of things without and within, shall this Republican, this Administration measure be allowed to fail from want of party and personal sympathy and fidelity? The President is not apt to forget or desert his friends, and he doubtless shares our common infirmity as to forgiveness of enemies. He and his friends will before long realize, if this combination succeed, that the rejoicing of his enemies will far exceed any joy they would have had had they rejected another Chief Justice or half a dozen Boston Collectors.

A NEW-YORK REPUBLICAN.

WHERE DOES THE SMELL COME FROM?

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I notice in THE TIMES of this morning an editorial article, founded on a communication respecting the noisome smell which occasionally manifests itself in the upper part of the City, and which is attributed to the gas factories.

I have observed that the peculiar odor of which complaint is made is generally perceived at night, and at intervals of several weeks apart, and I most heartily concur in the opinion that, from whatever source it emanates, it should at once be stopped, as injurious to health and comfort. This smell, however, is not of the character of those attendant on gas works; besides which, as their operations are uniform and continuous, their odors are not intermittent. The Board of Health have frequently inspected our works, and have approved of the manner in which the manufacture is conducted. I respectfully invite THE TIMES to send its representative to visit all parts of our works, at night or day, confident that nothing will be found to occasion just cause of complaint.

C. L. EVERITT, President.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1874.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I read with much interest your editorial of this morning on compulsory education. The well-known position of THE TIMES in favor of elevating and improving the masses, by educating them into being intelligent, effective, and successful citizens, instead of keeping them in ignorance and poverty, and then feeding them with pauper soup, causes the public to count upon its support of every needed and judicious measure of educational reform.

Our State is behind many of her sisters on the school question. Our system of entirely free public schools is only seven years old; and though in this short period immense progress has been made, yet, of one million and a half of school children, only two-thirds attend school, and the average attendance is only one-third. In this City over sixty thousand do not enter a school from one year's end to another. The greatest oppression of the child is in the factory towns, where, in some instances, the larger part of the children are practically deprived of all education by being compelled to work in the factories six long days in each week.

"The act to secure to children the benefit of elementary education," drawn by Mr. Hawkins at the request of the Committee on Education of the Assembly, and unanimously reported by that committee, will put an effectual stop to this oppression and iniquity.

It is the same bill precisely that through Senator Wood is introduced in the Senate. The Chairman of the Senate committee, Senator Booth, from his warm interest in schools, will no doubt give the bill early consideration.

The last census shows that in this State the persons over ten years of age that cannot read and write are: Native born, 70,703; foreign born, 168,560; total, 239,271; over twenty-one years of age that cannot read and write, 189,952. Of these last the males are 83,208, or one in ten of all the voters in the State. What a mass of ignorant votes!

The need of the proposed law to meet this army of ignorance is beyond dispute.

Is it judicious in its provisions? There is nothing in it that has not been tried with success in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, and New-Hampshire. Some of its provisions are not so rigorous as they should be, but at first they had better be too lax than too severe.

A similar law in Baden vigorously enforced in seven years, to wit, from 1854 to 1861, reduced the number of prisoners fifty-one per cent., the number of thefts, fifty-two per cent., and the number of pauperes, twenty-five per cent.

TUESDAY, March 3, 1874. CIVIS.

MOIETIES.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am glad to see the moiety question taken up. I hope it will continue to be agitated until the system is abolished altogether. I regard it as a drawback to the business interests of the United States. Your correspondent "D. C. R.," on the article of "The Moiety Laws," in to-day's TIMES, says, can any stronger argument be adduced for the total repeal of the Moiety laws which our honorable Secretary has advised? In the meantime, the veracity of Detective Jayne will soon be placed in line with a report of many similar cases for which the public can wait. It is said that Jayne "will continue his evidence to prove that a systematic dishonesty exists among our importing merchants, which is humiliating to contemplate."

Perhaps Mr. Jayne will be kind enough to enlighten our importing merchants and the business community from whence all this moiety business emanates, certainly not as he says, from "a systematic dishonesty among our importing merchants," but a technical violation of our complicated tariff and impractical officers of the Customs. No Government has the right to seize merchants' books and impose heavy fines simply because an expert detective has discovered, as he supposes, that some article, in his opinion, has been invoiced below the market value, this being the basis of nine cases out of ten in which our merchants have been so heavily mulcted. An invoice once having passed the appraisers has no right ever to be questioned afterward when the duties assessed have been paid. The whole foundation of this trouble is not brought about by our importing merchants, but from a want of a thorough system of examining invoices; a want of practical men in the different departments of the Customs.

J. C. M.

OUR POLICE.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Since you are giving space to letters exposing *Herald* advertising improprieties, perhaps you will notice the following. It is an indication of the esteem in which our Police Commission is held:

"A BONUS OF $200.—Wanted, an appointment on the Police or Fire Department of New-York or Brooklyn, for which the above bonus will be paid. Address for one week K. F. J., *Herald* Office."

In consequence of the present attitude of the Legislature toward the Police Commissioners, the advertiser will doubtless find numerous friends of Charlick and Matsell ready to accept any bonus while the chance offers. Under Havemeyer's administration those bonus-brokers have done a good business, I understand, and now the time is short. As a result of this kind of advertising, and the practices consequent thereon, we have a Police force that is doing much to bring our City into disgrace, and the *Herald* has a prominent place in the march of corruption. When a public journal of extended circulation so far ignores its mission as to encourage, instead of condemn, vice and villainy, it is time the public should distinctly pronounce its disapproval. I, for one, have determined to have no more of the *Herald*.

CENSURE.

THE LATE PUBLIC FUNERAL.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your editorial in to-day's paper on "Ingratitude" strikes the popular chord of indignation aroused by the civic and military display made over the late Mr. Hank Smith. The disgrace to us by the erection of a monument to Tweed would hardly be greater. I spoke with a large number of gentlemen in regard to it on the day of the funeral and but one opinion was expressed—a sense of deep humiliation. By what authority was the "lying in state," and by what the military display? Had the late Col. Fisk been with us and led the cortège with the Ninth, the appropriateness of such military honors would, I think, be unquestioned. Keep on striking your good blows against dishonesty, rascality, lying, and knavery, and so help to keep them from being at a premium, or to the growing generation seeming to be.

C. H. W.

A SMOKER'S SUBSCRIPTION.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Inclosed please find five dollars, which please forward to R. B. Minturn, Esq., for the purposes to which you disposed of my former subscription of two dollars.

A SEPTUAGENARIAN WHO SMOKES.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, March 4, 1874.

MICHIGAN.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE—THE REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION.

LANSING, Mich., March 4.—The Legislature met in extra session at noon yesterday, a quorum of both Houses present. The session is called to consider and act on the report of the Constitutional Commission appointed by the Governor, in accordance with a joint resolution passed at the last session. Gov. Bagley delivered a short message, calling attention to some of the most important points in the report of the commission, the principal of which are the articles pertaining to finance and taxation, prohibiting municipal corporations from becoming stockholders, or making gifts or lending credit to any person, corporation, or association, or to construct or to own any railroad; prohibiting cities and villages from incurring indebtedness exceeding ten per cent. on the valuation of taxable property; providing that the laws enacted by the Legislature creating debt shall provide a sinking fund for the payment of the same; also prohibiting the State from aiding by loan or gift any person or corporation.

The Governor comments on the article restricting special legislation, favors the continuation of the present system of an elective Judiciary, and a reasonable increase of salaries of State officers. He suggests the propriety of requiring all corporations organized under the State laws to maintain an office therein, where its books shall be kept for the benefit of its stockholders and creditors.

JUDGE HALL'S FUNERAL.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 4.—Judge Hall's funeral, this afternoon, was attended

THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

PENNSYLVANIA.

THE MOVEMENT IN PHILADELPHIA—MAYOR STOKELY AND THE CLERGYMEN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—The temperance women have inaugurated their new departure, having seemingly abandoned the bar-room crusade movement. To-day a number of prayer-meetings were held in various parts of the city, the most important one being in the St. Pauls' Methodist Church, Sixth and Catharine streets. It is urged by many that this movement will not be effective or result in any permanent good, and that the only way to cripple the liquor traffic will be to imitate the Western praying-band style of doing business. If these prayer-meetings prove failures, the movement will either be abandoned altogether or an active crusade begun. The most noticeable event in the progress of the cause to-day was a visit to Mayor Stokely by a delegation of Baptist clergymen, consisting of Messrs. J. B. Hutchinson, W. E. Watkinson, P. S. Henson, J. W. Curtis, T. C. Romine, J. G. Walker, W. E. Cornell, and others. The object the clergy had in view was to urge the Mayor to enforce the Sunday Liquor law. After making known their mission the Mayor replied somewhat curtly, not seeming to relish their visit: "The trouble is that I have your influence when it is not wanted. When it was wanted I did not have it from a great many ministers, who did not vote to sustain me." Dr. Henson replied: "This is not a ward question, nor a question of votes. We shall withdraw." The Mayor, in reply to this, said: "I do not wish you, gentlemen, to try and scare me by withdrawing, because, when I am put on my mettle, I am not to be frightened. Who ever enforced the law?" Dr. Henson said that Mayor Conrad had done it. Mr. Stokely then stated that he had asked the City Solicitor's opinion, and that he was not afraid to enforce the law. After some other conversation the delegation retired. On Saturday the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas will sit in full bench to listen to any questions from the temperance people in regard to the law.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

A delegation of Baptist ministers held a conference with Mayor Stokley to-day in regard to enforcing the Sunday law. Mayor Stokley said: "The difficulty is that the court will not aid me in this matter. The law requires that, to render a saloonkeeper indictable, it must be proven that he actually sold intoxicating liquor across his bar. If I am required to send my men into saloons and pay for liquor, I cannot do anything. I cannot make them take money from their own pockets, and there is no appropriation for that purpose. If the court will say that the fact that a saloon is open and in full blast is sufficient evidence against a proprietor, then I can go to work." He also stated that 200 policemen had been dismissed for going into drinking-saloons to drink, and he could not allow them to drink in saloons so as to be witnesses in suits against tavern-keepers.

THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OPINION.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—City Solicitor Collis has replied to Mayor Stokley's application for an opinion with regard to the Sunday liquor traffic, in which he quotes the law bearing on the question, and says: "Such being the law applicable to the case, I am of the opinion that, upon complaint duly made of the violation of the law, it is the duty of any Magistrate to issue a warrant, and a Police officer, thus armed with the authority of the law, may enter any place for the purpose of arresting any offender named or described in the warrant."

OPERATIONS IN THE EASTERN TOWNS—THE SALOONS CLOSING UP.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 4.—Reports to-night from the towns in Eastern Ohio represent the woman's war on the liquor-sellers as extending. At Sadis all the saloons but one have surrendered, and 200 women are praying at it. The work has been going on but two days there.

At Crestline meetings have been held in the churches, money raised, and much excitement created. Many young men have signed the pledge. Praying in the saloons will begin to-morrow.

At Martin's Ferry the movement is making rapid progress. The ladies are holding meetings in two of the churches to-night. The business men encourage them, having pledged $1,000 for the work, and promising more if it is needed. The dram shops cannot stand out against the earnest public feeling.

MASSACHUSETTS.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

BOSTON, March 4.—The Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society, at a meeting to-day, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That inasmuch as women and children are the chief sufferers by the untold evils of intemperance, it is eminently appropriate that the female sex should take a most active part in the efforts of the day for the suppression of this universally acknowledged immorality, and we look with deep interest on the women's movement in regard to the temperance reform, and we cherish the hope that a divine Providence will direct and overrule it for permanent good.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this board no great success in the temperance reform can be expected till the Christian Church and ministry take a decided stand on the side of total abstinence.

THE DIO LEWIS PLAN ABANDONED IN WORCESTER.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 4.—The women of this city, after a two days' session, have decided to abandon the Dio Lewis plan of operation against liquor-dealers, and have adopted a new and entirely original plan. A large committee has been organized, and in subcommittees of two or three it is proposed first to visit owners of buildings occupied by liquor-dealers, and, by prayer and intercession, induce them to sign a builders' pledge not to let their premises to any one for the sale of liquor. They will also visit dealers at their homes. This movement is to be private, and no street work will be done.

OHIO.

MEETINGS IN CLEVELAND—A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 4.—The enthusiastic meetings which are being held in the Eighteenth Ward indicate that the wave of temperance is beginning to roll in this section with unanticipated vigor. As yet no direct movement has been made on the saloons, but it is understood that the women are steadily marshaling their hosts for the fray. A meeting is to be held in the Second Ward on Sunday, and the early inauguration of the work all over the city is probable.

In the surrounding towns the crusade continues with varied degrees of success. At Berea the saloon element is making a stout resistance, and help is to be sent in the persons of several earnest women from Cleveland. In Akron, Norwalk, Elyria, Ashtabula, Warren, and New Philadelphia the crusaders are beginning to march on, probably to victory.

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN IN COLUMBUS.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 4.—The woman's crusade was continued this morning, their courage being increased previous to beginning their march by the news that Mr. Upton, proprietor of the Zettler House, who had declared that he would do all that he could in opposition to the movement, had, without being asked, taken down his bar and stopped the sale of liquors. Farr's billiard-room was first visited. The ladies were well received, and sang and prayed, but Farr refused to sign the pledge. Marsetti's and Wiederlander's drinking-places were visited, but both refused to sign the pledge. The ladies prayed and sang at each place, kneeling on a frightfully muddy pavement. The saloon kept by Antoine Choppa, an Italian, was also visited, but Choppa, scenting the battle from afar, hurriedly shut up shop and refused to be seen. Prayers were offered for him. It is understood that the liquor-dealers held a meeting last night and resolved to treat the ladies courteously, but not to admit them to their places. A prominent preacher of the city forced himself into the procession this morning, thereby doing more harm than good.

At 3 o'clock P. M. to-day, 150 ladies renewed the crusade against the liquor-sellers. Before the procession cut one square from the church, dense crowds of curiously spoken men, women, and children surrounded them. Making progress was almost impossible. At several points on High street, notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the Police, the sidewalks were completely jammed with a noisy and not very select crowd. It is highly probable that if it had not been for the Police it would have been necessary to abandon anything like visiting work. Five saloons were visited, and the proprietors talked and prayed with, but no signatures to the pledge were obtained. One Italian agreed not to sell liquor after his present stock was sold. At one saloon a crowd of men made an attempt to drown the prayers and singing by cheering, but they were suppressed by the proprietors, who at first were very defiant, but afterward insisted that the ladies should be treated with respect.

The druggists of the city held a meeting to-day to consider the situation, and twelve of them signed a pledge not to sell or give away any alcoholic liquors except for medicinal, chemical, mechanical, or sacramental purposes, and, in either case, to parties personally known to the druggist, or upon a physician's prescription. Those signing this pledge embrace nearly all the prominent druggists of the city. At a prayer-meeting this afternoon the committee appointed to call on the General Assembly relative to the movement, reported that they had interviewed several legislators, and were told that before any special privileges to hold services in the State-house could be granted they must know just what services would be held.

Mr. W. H. Free, of New-Lexington, who has recently become converted to temperance, made a speech which attracted general attention. He admitted that he had been a drunkard for the past six years, and had twice been attacked with delirium tremens; but, after persistent efforts, had conquered the vice, and was now living a sober life, and doing what he could to save others.

Jacob, proprietor of a bar-room, to show his contempt for the crusaders, has placed a brilliant headlight in the second story of his building on Town street.

IN THIS CITY.

A woman's temperance prayer-meeting was held at Bain Hall, Lafayette-place, yesterday. Mrs. Anna Smith presided over the assemblage, which numbered about twenty. Various suggestions were offered as to the best mode of opening the campaign in this City, but the meeting separated without coming to any decision.... The lady members of Fidelity Division, Sons of Temperance, purpose visiting factories and procuring signatures to pledges.... The usual daily temperance prayer-meeting was held in the Seventeenth Street M. E. Church, yesterday. The attendance was very small, and nothing of interest transpired.... The National Temperance Society will hold a special meeting this afternoon at No. 58 Reade street, to take some definite action in the cause of temperance.... Rev. Dr. Hall will speak at the Olivet Chapel this evening.

A TEMPERANCE REUNION.

The East River Seamen's Temperance Society celebrated their third anniversary last night, in the Protestant Episcopal Chapel, No. 34 Pike street, John Williams, President, in the chair. The Secretary presented his annual report, showing that the society now numbers a total membership of 1,500. Of this number 348 were induced to join last year. After addresses by Edward Mead, a reformed sailor, Byron South wick, Dr. Law, and Gen. Faulkner, several persons signed the pledge, after which the meeting adjourned.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ITALIAN OPERA.

"Aida" was repeated at the Academy of Music last evening. The representation only differed from earlier performances by the substitution of Signor Del Puente for M. Maurel in the rôle of *Amonasro*. It is always a thankless task to attempt the portrayal of a character that another artist has sketched with decision and effect, and when the first performer is so thorough an actor and singer as M. Maurel the work is particularly ungracious. Signor Del Puente, who, be it said, was not in very good vocal condition, last night strove hard to endow *Amonasro* with the picturesque attributes which Academy audiences have been accustomed to look for in the captive monarch, but his efforts were hardly successful. In other respects, the entertainment was unchanged. In "Il Trovatore," which is to be done to-morrow, Mme. Nilsson, Miss Cary, and Signori Campanini and Del Puente are to be concerned.

OPERA AT THE LYCEUM.

Mme. Ilma Di Murska is to give two farewell performances at the Lyceum Theatre this week. The first occurs this evening, when "Lucia" will be sung, with Mme. Di Murska as *Lucia* and Signor Vizzani as *Edgardo*, and the second may be attended on Saturday afternoon, when the lady will appear as *Lady Henrietta*, in "Marta," and will sing, besides, the second act of "Dinorah," which includes the "shadow song." Between these two representations a third is to take place, on Friday, when Mme. Sorel, a prima donna new to us, will personate *Margarita*, in "Faust." *Faust*, we imagine, being embodied by Signor Vizzani.

GERMAN OPERA AT THE STADT.

Mme. Pauline Lucca is at present fulfilling an engagement at the Stadt Theatre, in the Bowery, where she appears thrice a week in German opera. Last evening, she sang *Valentine*, in "The Huguenots." It is agreeable to have to record that the effects of the Havana climate upon the artist's fine voice have not been lasting. Her tones, yesterday, were as rich and as powerful as ever, and their compass was as great, while her unrivaled powers as a *tragedienne* are clearly undiminished. The fourth act of "The Huguenots"—an act with which Mme. Lucca is identified in Germany, England, and America—was at least as striking an episode as of old. The same silent eloquence of face and gesture pervaded *Valentine's* scene with *St. Bris* and the conspirators; the same terrible struggle between duty and love marked the first minutes of her interview with *Raoul*; and the same torrential flood of passion carried everything before it when fear for her lover's life forced her to an avowal of her passion. Again and again was Mme. Lucca called before the curtain after *Raoul's* flight; for such a performance it was indeed worth while to bear with a recital of Meyerbeer's glorious work to which the word unsatisfactory is the mildest to be applied. The orchestra and chorus, yesterday, were pretty efficient, save in the "Rataplan;" Herr Hermanns sang the duet with Mme. Lucca in the third act quite impressively, and the *ensemble* in the fourth went fairly, but of the tenor (Herr Pfluger) and of everybody and everything else the least said the better. Mme. Lucca may be heard in "Fra Diavolo" to-morrow.

THOMAS' SATURDAY MATINEE CONCERT.

Mr. Thomas will give a matinée concert on Saturday, when the programme to be interpreted will be as follows:

Symphony, No. 8, F, Op. 93.....Beethoven
Aria, "Shall I in Mamre's Fertile Plains," (Joshua).....Handel
Mr. Myron W. Whitney.
Serenade, No. 3, in D minor, Op. 69.....Volkmann
Violoncello Obligato by Mr. Louis Lubeck.
Introduction and Finale, "Tristan and Isolde".....Wagner
Arietta, "In Questa Tomba Oscura".....Beethoven
Mr. Myron W. Whitney.
Symphonic Poem, "Tasso, Lamento e Trionfo".....Liszt

M. JUIGNET'S ANNUAL BENEFIT.

The annual benefit performance of M. Paul Juignet will take place at the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday evening. A spick and span new French comedy, called "L'Infortunée Caroline," and a one-act comedietta entitled "Après le Bal" will be acted. Mlle. Fanny Martens will also sing a scene, with music by Hervé, entitled "Le Petit Pifferaro," so that the entertainment will not lack substance or variety. The public, we may add, is under obligations to M. Juignet for much hard work in the past, and, every now and then, for an agreeable representation of French plays, generally, be it further said to his credit, for some charitable or patriotic object. We hope the appeal he makes yearly in his own behalf will be met with the gracious response he has never yet failed to elicit.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

An exceedingly interesting performance took place at the Lyceum Theatre last night. A very large and fashionable audience assembled for the purpose of greeting the first appearance on the stage of Miss B. Darling, a pupil of that sterling actress Miss Fanny Morant. The play selected was Tobin's fine old comedy of the "Honeymoon," the *débutante* appearing as *Juliana*. Miss Darling is a lady of fine personal appearance, very pleasing deportment and her acting bears the impress of much patient study, combined with genuine dramatic ability. The part of *Juliana* is an exceedingly trying one, and it must be satisfactory to the *débutante* and to Miss Morant to learn that its performance last night would have done no discredit to an actress of ripe experience. Miss Darling was received with great enthusiasm, and was the recipient of innumerable floral tributes. The cast of the piece was excellent, including in it Messrs. Charles Wheatleigh, Leclercq, and Beeks, and Miss Stella Congdon and Miss Phillis Glover.

OBITUARY.

DR. FORBES WINSLOW, M. D., D. C. L.

By the death of Dr. Forbes Winslow, which occurred in London yesterday, the medical world loses one of its most distinguished members. In the special department of brain diseases the deceased was perhaps the leading authority, and his published works on this complex subject are among the most valuable contributions to medical and legal literature. Though a Londoner by birth, Dr. Winslow commenced his medical studies in this City; he continued them on his return to England under the celebrated Dr. Carpue, and afterward at the University of London. After passing the College of Surgeons in 1835, he graduated M. D., at Aberdeen, and was soon afterward elected Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. He afterward became a member of the College of Physicians of London, was Vice President of the Juridical Society, and of the London Medical Society. He had always been an industrious writer, and the list of his works, published lectures, papers, &c., is a long one. In early life he had been on the staff of the London *Times*, was the originator of the *Journal of Physiological Medicine*, a contributor to the *Gazette of Practical Medicine*, to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and to the *Lancet*. Dr. Winslow had a considerable consultation practice in cases of insanity, diseases of the brain and nervous system, and was frequently consulted as an expert in medico-legal cases. Among the many works published by him the following may be mentioned: *Medical Treatment of Insanity; Medico-Legal Evidence in Cases of Insanity*, (lectures published in 1853:) *Influence of the Mind upon the Body in the Production and Aggravation of Disease; Physiology and Pathology of the Human Mind; The Plea of Insanity in Criminal Cases; Anatomy of Suicide; Uncontrollable Drunkenness as a Disorder of the Mind;* and lastly, the well-known work, *On Obscure Diseases of the Brain and Disorders of the Mind*, which has passed through numerous editions since its issue in 1860. Dr. Winslow was sixty-four years of age at the time of his death.

ELDER JACOB KNAPP, THE REVIVALIST.

The death is announced of Elder Jacob Knapp at Rockford, Ill., on Monday, at the ripe age of seventy-four years. Mr. Knapp was born in Otsego County, in this State, Dec. 7, 1799. His parents were members of the Episcopal Church, but when young Knapp arrived at about his twentieth year, he joined the Baptist Church against the wishes of his father and friends. After being some time engaged in teaching school, at Springfield, in his native county, in the Spring of 1822, he joined the ministry, and in 1825 obtained his first pastorate in that town. In 1830 he removed to Watertown, N. Y., where a revival was then in progress. During the three years of his ministration there he added 200 converts to the church. Mr. Knapp soon after resigned his position, determined to start as an independent itinerant preacher. For many years his labors were confined to this State, but subsequently extended to New-England and other Atlantic States, and 1849 found him in Chicago. He visited St. Louis in 1852, and in two years after returned to Boston. He published a curious autobiographical volume some years ago, in which he gives some statistics of his labors. Up to 1867 he held about 150 protracted meetings, many of them extending over weeks, preached 1,300 sermons, and received during thirty-six years the average compensation, a little less than $600. More than thirty years ago he gave up counting the persons converted under his ministration; at that time they amounted to about 100,000. Elder Knapp was a very eccentric person, and was celebrated as a revivalist.

MORGAN BATES.

Mr. Morgan Bates, who was for many years connected with the Detroit *Tribune*, died on the 2d inst., at Traverse City, at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Bates was a native of this State, but having spent forty years of his life in Michigan he was prominently identified with several important enterprises in that State. He was a printer in his early days. In 1862, on the accession of the Republican Party to power, he was appointed by Mr. Lincoln Register of the Land Office at Traverse District.

In 1866 he received the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, on the ticket with Gov. Baldwin, and was elected. He was re-elected to the same position in 1870. He was a man of considerable ability as a journalist, and was highly esteemed by those who knew him.

HON. ROBERT FOWLER.

Hon. Robert Fowler, Ex-State Treasurer of Maryland, a member of the House in the present Legislature from Baltimore County and one of the most influential citizens of the State, died in Baltimore, Wednesday night, at 12 o'clock, of pneumonia. He had been sick about three weeks. The deceased was a member of the firm of Zeigler & Fowler.

ANOTHER RAILROAD STRIKE.

THE LEHIGH VALLEY ROAD TAKEN POSSESSION OF—CARS SWITCHED OFF AND THE BRAKE WHEELS REMOVED.

WAVERLY, N. Y., March 4.—All the employes of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at this end of the route, except the engineers, struck this morning. About 250 men are out at this point where the movement was initiated, and they have thus far captured all trains that have reached the junction of the Erie and Lehigh Valley Railroads. They switched the cars, set the brakes, and removed the brake wheels. Everything was done quietly and in the most orderly manner. Early in the morning the hotels and saloons were notified by the leaders to sell no liquors to any engaged in the strike, which request is scrupulously observed. At their head-quarters at the Junction they fly the Stars and Stripes, which, with the immense breastwork of cars, makes the place resemble a fortification. The strikers very generously escort all passengers to the Erie Depot, and gallantly carry all babies. They also send up their baggage in the most careful and considerate manner. The mails have not been detained. The movement, originating here, is extending down the road, and it is reported that it will reach the entire length of the road to-morrow morning. The strike is for more wages, the strikers claiming that the reduction of their wages last December was submitted to under the promise that as soon as business revived in the Spring their wages should be restored again. This, they claim, the company is unwilling to do. This company has heretofore dealt generously and honorably with their men, and it is believed they will not fail to maintain their good name for the future.

A PARLOR MORTAR EXPLODES IN A MAIL-BAG.

The Elmira *Advertiser* of yesterday says: "When the mail-agent going north on the train yesterday morning threw the Dundee mail-bag off at Starkey, something inside exploded, and smoke was seen to come out of the bag. On examination it was found that some infernal machine in the shape of a small cannon had been placed in the bag, and so arranged that a slight jar would set it off. No one was hurt. The agent took it in charge for Special Agent McDanolds to investigate. And Special Agent McDanolds did investigate it. It is a miniature brass mortar, with a spring trigger, into which fits closely a rubber ball. It is a toy called 'parlor artillery,' but must be a curious plaything, as it explodes with a sound like a rifle. It had been boxed up, duly stamped, and sent through the mails loaded. The box in which it had been placed was torn to shreds, though the address, 'Davis Dunmock, Dundee, N. Y.,' could be made out. It might have burned up the mail-bag had it not been fortunately discovered."

A THIEF SHOT IN NEWARK.

Thomas Brady, a well-known thief, was shot in the head by Detective Becker late yesterday afternoon in Library court, Newark. The detective observed Brady stealing goods and attempted to arrest him, but he resisted, and, after a short struggle with the officer, finally escaped. The detective called on him several times to stop or he would fire at him, but no attention was paid to the warning, when the officer drew his revolver and fired at him, the ball taking effect in his head. After running some distance he stopped and surrendered himself. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital to have his wound dressed. The wound, though painful, is not considered dangerous.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

About 300 of the Welsh residents of this City assembled last evening at the Thirteenth Street Welsh Presbyterian Church, and celebrated the anniversary of St. David's Day with a tea-party, accompanied by speaking, singing, and social intercourse. The exercises were opened with a few remarks by Rev. Howard Powell, Pastor of the church, after which Messrs. Hewes and Williams sang a duet, and Mr. Evan Davis sang the Welsh national air, the "March of the Men of Harlech," accompanied by Mr. Westlie, pianist. Mrs. Alma Davis, Prof. Isaac Parry, Mrs. Williams, and Mr. Westlie followed with songs, which were well received.

A NATIONAL RAILWAY.

CONVENTION IN SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

THE SUGGESTED ROUTE ALONG THE FORTIETH PARALLEL—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 4.—A convention of delegates from the States and Territories along the fortieth parallel of latitude met here to day to consider the subject of a national railway along that parallel. Among the delegates were men from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado. A temporary organization was effected by the election of J. K. Van Dorn, of Illinois, temporary Chairman. The following Committee on Resolutions was appointed: Col. M. Piggott, of Illinois; K. G. W. Duggan, of Indiana; G. W. Black, of Illinois; H. J. Whitlock, of Illinois; K. T. W. Keazer, of Indiana; Alex. Starr, E. M. D. Massie, of Illinois; and J. H. Glenn, of Missouri.

Gov. Beveridge was invited to address the convention, and made a brief speech expressing hearty sympathy with its general objects. A permanent organization was then effected by the election of Ex-Gov. Palmer, of Illinois, President.

Ex-Gov. Palmer on taking the chair thanked the convention for the honor, and spoke briefly of the difficulty of settling upon the best plan for cheap transportation. He thought there was no royal road, to the solution of this question, which he thought was not simply a State or national but a Continental question.

Col. T. J. Carter, of Illinois, next addressed the convention. He briefly sketched the design of the Convention, and compared the cost of water and railroad transportation. The average cost per ton per mile by rail is one cent by river three-quarters of a cent, by canal half a cent, by the lake one quarter cent, and on the ocean one-eighth of a cent. A belt of country along the line of the fortieth parallel nas none of the benefits of water transportation. The design is to get up a State organization and secure a charter from the sea-coast to the base of the Rocky Mountains.

Speeches were also made by K. K. Jones, of Illinois, and A. F. Coffin, of Indiana, showing the necessity for a railroad such as is contemplated by this movement, and the advantages which the proposed route along the fortieth parallel would have among them, and the fact that it would pass near the capitals of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, and through the richest agricultural portion of the country. The Committee on Resolutions then submitted a long series of resolutions.

The preamble to the resolutions declares the undoubted Constitutional power of Congress to regulate inter-State commerce, and that its right to charter corporations necessary to carry into effect any of the power of the National Government has been settled by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, and it recites the imperative necessity for increased transportation facilities between the West and the sea-board, and a uniform and cheaper tariff of freight rates not subject to daily changes under the effects of competition. The preamble further recites the fact that there are now before Congress numerous bills asking charters for roads from the sea-board to the West, and asking Government aid in their construction, and as a line along the fortieth parallel is in the opinion of the convention, the most just and equitable location for such a line of railway; therefore,

Resolved, That the right of transit over any part of the territory of the United States by post routes, railways, or canals as a avenues of commerce belong to the United States Government, and under all proper circumstances and necessities it should exercise that right by building such roads or canals, granting charters with such fixed maximum rates and restrictions as may be deemed necessary, and by creating subordinate corporations for that purpose, with such liberal and judicious legislation as may be proper and necessary to secure the early completion of this great national line of railway and promote the best interests of the public.

Resolved, That a liberal commercial spirit should prevail between the different States of the Union in great reciprocal rights of way across their respective territory, and such further legislation as may be required in the construction of a national railway from the Atlantic seaboard central through the Western States and territories.

Resolved, That justice to the great producing States of the Mississippi Valley, and the best interests of the whole country demand that the United States Government should grant such liberal legislation as may be needful to secure the early and speedy construction of this great national railway with two or more tracks on or near the central route of the fortieth parallel of north latitude from the Atlantic seaboard through the Western States, with diverging lines at proper points to the Cities of Cincinnati, St. Louis, Toledo, and Chicago in the West, and the principal commercial cities in the Eastern Atlantic seaboard.

Resolved, That this Convention is fully satisfied of the feasibility and actual necessity of a great national railroad constructed as direct as possible, and with as easy grades as practicable on or near the fortieth parallel of north latitude from the Atlantic seaboard through the capitals of the great States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, thence crossing the Mississippi River at the city of Quincy, the most western point on the east bank of said river for its whole length, and thence westward to the base of the Rocky Mountains, at the city of Denver, Col., and we feel that the people will most heartily greet its early completion as a great national blessing, which will afford them ample and cheap means of transfortation for their products as well as correct existing evils by giving the country a truly national system of railroads.

Resolved, That an executive committee of fifty be appointed by this convention with full powers and instructions to prepare a suitable charter, to be laid before Congress, embodying the views of this Convention, and secure the necessary legislation to aid the early completion of this great enterprise; and said committee is hereby fully empowered and authorized to add to their own number, fill vacancies, add appoint any and all subcommittees that may be necessary.

The resolutions were adopted, and a subcommittee of five appointed to nominate the executive committee of fifty.

RUMORED DEATH OF CESPEDES.

The rumor that Cespedes, Ex-President of the Cuban Republic, had been murdered by a party of soldiers belonging to the San Quintin Battalion, received yesterday by telegraph from Havana, caused much excitement among Cubans in this City. The news was generally discredited and believed to be a Spanish canard circulated for some sinister object Although the death of Cespedes would be much regretted by the Cubans it would not seriously affect the cause of Cuban independence, as he has taken no leading part in the revolution now progressing since his removal from the Presidency of the Republic in 1873. Cespedes at the time of his reported death was about fifty-five years old, and was born in Bayamo, Cuba. His parents were wealthy, and he was endowed with a liberal education at the University of Havana. Though the heir of rich plantations, he adopted the profession of the law, and was quite successful in its practice. Early in life he became identified with those who opposed Spanish rule in his native island, and was imprisoned and banished to Europe because of his active opposition to the Spanish Government. A conspiracy was formed against the Spaniards in 1867, and Senors Aguilera, Maceo, and Figueredo, were made a *Junta Directiva* and began to organize an insurrection. On Oct. 9, 1868, Cespedes raised the revolutionary flag on his own plantation, La De Magagno, and gathering about 150 men around him attacked Yara on the following day, achieving a victory over the Spaniards. This was the first battle of the present revolution, and very soon after it was fought a Cubari army of 3,000 men was raised. With this force Cespedes attacked Bayamo on the 14th of October, and was again victorious. Nearly the whole of the eastern portion of the island then rose in rebellion, and the insurrection spread rapidly to Camaguey and Los Villas. A republican government was formed, and Cespedes was made President, on the 10th of April, 1869. After his election he retired from active military duty and confined himself chiefly to the affairs of administration. Shortly after Cespedes' appearance as a revolutionary chief his large sugar plantation at Manzanillo and all his estates were confiscated by the Spanish Government, and he was thus impoverished by his devotion to the cause he had espoused. In October of 1873 he was impeached and was removed from his office by the Cuban Camarra de Representantes, (Chamber of Representatives) for what was thought to be a usurpation of power under the Constitution of the Cuban Republic. His brother, an officer in the revolutionary army, was declared guilty of a military offense by a military court, and was sentenced to be punished accordingly. President Cespedes interposed in his brother's behalf, and nullified the action of the court. For this he was removed, and the Marquis of Santa Lucia was afterwards made President. Cespedes accepted the judgment passed upon him with good grace, retired from office, and, in a proclamation to the Cubans, avowed his loyalty to the cause of Cuban independence, and promised his sympathy and aid to it in every way possible. The Cubans generally regard him as a patriot and brave man, and in the event of their liberation from Spain he would fill a most important place in the history of the new nation.

THE HUDSON OPEN AT ALBANY.

The following is from the Albany *Journal* of last evening: "At a few minutes past 1 o'clock this afternoon the ice, which had held firm during the Spring-like weather of the past week, succumbed to the rain of last night and the melting influence of to-day's soft atmosphere and moved gracefully out. There was no general break-up, for the water is not unusually high, and the ice was so worn and honeycombed that when obstacles were met with it dissolved. The movement commenced below the city, and was caused probably by the efforts of the South Ferry boat, New-York, to break a channel through between this city and Greenbush. Once started, however, the whole body was soon on the move. At first a slight check was experienced below the steam-boat landing, but the pressure from above soon caused it to yield. A large field was held in check for some little time by the upper bridge, but large cakes continually breaking off soon reduced it to a size which permitted it to pass down the river. A barge was carried away from its moorings at Bath, but was secured again. The movement took place without accident of any kind as far as we can learn, and the river is now comparatively free from ice as far as can be seen, both north and south. In the basin the ice still holds, but is rotting fast. Several men were engaged this afternoon in cutting a passage through to the ferry-slip for the tug James McIntyre. It is believed that navigation will be speedily resumed, and our docks and piers once more present a lively aspect."

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS—DEBATE ON A $2,000 APPROPRIATION—CITIZENS' PETITION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY PHELPS.

The Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, President Neilson in the chair. Present, Commissioners Baker, Dowd, Halsted, Klamroth, Lewis, Seligman, Traud, West, Vermilyea, Wetmore, Farr, and Kelly; absent, Commissioners Brown, Jenkins, Man, Mathewson, Patterson, Townsend, Beardsley, and Hoe. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, a communication was received from the Trustees of the Sixth Ward, opposing the abandonment of Public School No. 2, as provided for under a resolution of the board at its last session. The communication was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Economy. A report from the inspectors of the Fifth School District was received. It sets forth that as to the general condition of the buildings, they were generally favorable. In regard to School No. 35, however, they report that it is desirable that some improvement should be made as to reception, retiring, and toilet rooms, also in reference to ventilation. The report concluded by suggesting that telegraphy be introduced as a branch of study. Referred to the Committee on Studies.

A communication was also received from the inspectors of the Second District concerning the removal, on a charge of habitual drunkenness, of A. H. Bogert, Janitor of one of the schools in that district. The inspectors ask a reconsideration of the resolution expelling Bogert, and of the resolution appointing Mr. Meyer to succeed him. It appears that some of the parties who signed the petition for his removal claim that they were not aware of the nature of the document, and that they have since learned that the charges were unfounded. Referred to Committee on By-laws.

Controller Green submitted a communication stating that suits had been commenced against the City for supplies furnished and work done for the Board of Education. No bids had been submitted to the Department of Finance for such services, and the Controller, therefore, asked that they be submitted, so that the nature of the claims on which the suits were based might be determined.

A protest was received from Samuel Stern, of the Tenth Ward, against the testimonial submitted at the last meeting in favor of Hugo Gorsch, Trustee, charging that he had formerly kept a Bowery gambling-house, and that he had been seen in the streets in a beastly state of intoxication. Placed on file.

The Committee on By-laws reported in reference to the charges against Gorsch that they had fully investigated the charges, and while there was conflicting testimony on the matter, the evidence preponderated largely in favor of Gorsch, and they, therefore, recommend that the charges be deemed not sustained. The report was adopted. The resignation of Charles Neuess, Trustee of the First Ward, was the subject of a report from the same committee, accepting the resignation, and appointing in his stead Otto Hencken, druggist, of No. 92 Greenwich street. The report and accompanying resolution of appointment were adopted.

The Committee on Buildings reported in favor of instructing the Trustees of the Thirteenth Ward to report as to what suitable building can be had to lease as an adjunct to Primary School No. 4, which is at present insufficient in accommodation. Adopted. Also, instructing the Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward to ascertain and report on what terms the building No. 17 St. Mark's place, formerly the Model Primary School, can be leased for the purposes of a primary school. Adopted.

The Committee on Normal School submitted a list of proposals for furniture and heating apparatus for the Normal School, and recommending that the furniture award be made to the National School-furniture Association at the sum of $5,947 75, and for heating apparatus to John Neil, at the sum of $7,100. Referred to Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was submitted the matter of the removal of the bodies from beneath and around Primary School No. 9, No. 42 First street, being the site of an old Presbyterian cemetery, reported in favor of awarding the contract for such removal to J. D. Smith, at the sum of $4,950, the bodies to be reinterred in the Cemetery of the Evergreens.

Commissioner Halsted moved that the word Woodlawn be substituted for the word Evergreens, for the reason that Evergreens Cemetery is a denominational place of interment. Lost, after a brief debate. The original report was adopted by a vote of 16 to 1.

The Committee on Warming and Ventilation reported adversely on the proposition to appropriate $2,000 from the appropriation of $5,000, for experimental ventilation, in order to improve the ventilation of Grammar School No. 40, in East Twenty-third street, on the ground that that particular appropriation was intended to be devoted to experimental purposes, and could not be devoted to construction, alteration, or repairs.

Commissioner Seligman moved, however, that a sum of $2,000 be appropriated from the general appropriation for the purpose.

Commissioner Farr inclined to the belief that unless the Trustees of that ward had applied for that appropriation, no action could be taken.

Commissioner Jenkins thought that if the Trustees of the ward did not do their duty, it was the duty of the board to interpose its action.

Quite a debate arose as to the question, in which some of the members tried to air their "devotion to the public interest" on this question which "has occupied so much of the attention of the public press."

Commissioner Klamroth read from the statute, in support of the proposition, that the board could not interpose its power unless the Trustees had been negligeful, and had first been notified of such neglect, and had had an opportunity of being heard before the board or its committee. He desired to know if such notice had been given to the Trustees.

Commissioner Seligman, after some further debate, withdrew his resolution, and the subject was referred to the Committee on Finance, so as to admit of the Trustees being notified.

After an ineffectual effort to bring up the report on corporal punishment, which has been lying on the table since Nov. 5, 1873, the board adjourned.

The following is the document referred to above as having been received from the Eighth Ward Citizens' Association:

NEW-YORK, Feb. 28, 1874.

To B. K. Phelps, Esq., District Attorney of the City and County of New-York:

We, the undersigned citizens, freeholders, householders, and tax-payers of the Eighth Ward of the City of New-York, respectfully submit to your earnest consideration the following facts.

First—That we are and have been for years permanent residents and law-abiding citizens of the Eighth Ward; men of families who have the highest good of the commonwealth at heart, and are ready and willing to sacrifice comfort and convenience to the best interests of those who combat evil to the end that all may enjoy the benefits and blessings of our City Government.

Second—It is a notorious and almost self-evident fact that our ward is, and has been for many years, the stronghold of the keepers of houses of ill-repute—inhabited by improper persons, who have defied law and order, and caused our streets to be thronged at all hours by drunkards, pickpockets, thieves, and other degraded classes; that our wives, daughters, and their friends and associates are not only ashamed to be seen in the streets, but are compelled, by reason of their fears of insult and assault, to remain within the doors of their respective homes after the setting of the sun.

Third—Our real estate, which is almost if not entirely within the set and business centre of our City, has depreciated in value until now it is comparatively almost worthless, for the reason that no family that values its character and standing will rent, purchase, and no business firm that has any respect for itself and its customers will enter into its precincts, well knowing that its streets have a bad reputation, being as they are at all times frequented by the criminal classes who have no respect for life, person, or estate.

Fourth—These facts are so evident and perceptible on the surface that we earnestly and most prayerfully ask you, as the Prosecuting Attorney of the Commonwealth of this City and County, to take them into serious consideration and exercise every prerogative the people have given you to the end of suppressing these evils that endanger our families and threaten to drive us from our homes.

Fifth—We trust we fully appreciate the difficulties that beset you, and therefore would not willingly add to your duties; but when the existence of our peace and homes and the moral welfare of our children are at stake, we must come to the guardians of our rights, and we therefore ask your moral support and official aid, in so much as our grievances have become unendurable and are caused by those who have no regard for law, peace, and good order.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

A similar document was addressed to the board at its last meeting, calling especial attention to the immoral effect of those noxious surroundings upon the children who attend Public School No. 10, and who have to pass through some of the vilest purlieus in that notorious ward on going to and returning from school. That also was referred to the Committee on By-laws, who still retain it.

STATEN ISLAND MUD-DISPERSING CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. Dr. Eccleston (Episcopal) and Rev. Father Lewis (Catholic)

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, (Wednesday,) March 4, at an executor's sale, by order of the executors of the estate of Mary A. Gomperts, deceased, A. J. Bleecker, Son & White sold the two-story and attic brick house, with lot, 23 by 119.5, No. 101 Bowery, east side, between Hester and Grand streets, for $35,900. The property was bought by Morange & Brother. The same firm, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, Philo T. Ruggles, Esq., Referee, also sold three lots, together forming a plot in size 60 by 100.5, located on West Sixty-eighth st., north side, 215 feet east of Eleventh avenue, for $6,800, the purchaser being S. T. H. Bailey, plaintiff in the legal action. The above were all the sales noticed for the day, and no other real estate business was transacted.

Wm. H. Raynor, No. 5½ Pine street, reports having sold at private contract four lots, together in size 100 by 80, on Lexington avenue, south-west corner of Ninety-seventh street, for $7,500.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

The sales proposed for to-day are numerous and important. The list is as follows, all but the last taking place at the Exchange:

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., executor's sale, under the direction of the executor of the estate of John Westfield, deceased, of Nos. 175, 177, and 179 Fourth street, between Sixth avenue and Barrow street, directly opposite Jones street, comprising a plot of land 54.3 by 54 by 69.11 by 39.11, with three two-story brick houses thereon, each 18 by 38. Also, similar sale, under the direction of the executors of the estate of Peter T. Randolph, deceased, of the four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, 21.5 by 53, with lot 163.3 feet deep, No. 243 East Thirteenth street, north side, 157.6 feet west of Second avenue.

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. H. Wallis, Esq., Referee, of six lots, each 25 by 100.4, with improvements, on East Sixty-sixth street, south side, 150 feet west of First avenue.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, G. Tillotson, Esq., Referee, of four lots, each 25 by 102.2, on West Eighty-fifth street, south side, 175 feet west of Eleventh avenue, near Riverside Park.

By Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, T. H. Landon, Esq., Referee, of three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, 15 by 51, with lot 102.2 feet deep, No. 217 East Seventy-second street, north side, 200.10 feet east of Third avenue.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 17 by 100, on West Fifty-first street, south side, 187 feet east of Eighth avenue.

By Wood, Brady & Todd, public auction sale of a lease of four lots, each 25 by 100, on West Thirty-fourth street, south-east corner of Twelfth avenue, opposite the Manhattan Market, and a lease of four lots, each 25 by 100, on Thirty-fourth street, south-west corner of Eleventh avenue, opposite above. Leases dated May 1, 1872, for twenty-one years, with renewal.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, W. F. Smith, Esq., Referee, of the leasehold premises on the west Forty-ninth street, south side, 375 feet west of Fifth avenue, embracing a lot 20 by 100.5, with a four-story brown-stone-front house thereon. Lease from Columbia College for nineteen years and eight months from Nov. 1, 1866, with three renewals of fifteen years each.

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., at Auction Exchange, Nos. 399 and 401 Fulton street, Brooklyn, public auction sales of the following Brooklyn real estate: Two two-story brick stores, each 20 by 48, with lots each 50 feet deep, Nos. 122 and 123 Third avenue, west side, 90 feet south of Yorkst street; three three-story brick houses, each 20 by 36, with lots each 100 feet deep, Nos. 124, 126, and 128 Eyerson street, west side, 124 feet north of Myrtle avenue; one three-story brick store, with lot 22 by 75, No. 163 Hudson avenue, north-west corner of Sands street; one three-story high-stoop brick house, with lot 20 by 75, No. 161 Hudson avenue, adjoining above; two lots, each 25 by 100, on Fulton avenue, south side, 100 feet west of Schenectady avenue, and three lots, each 25 by 100, on Sumner street, north side, 100 feet west of Schenectady avenue, adjoining above in the rear.

EXCHANGE SALES, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

NEW-YORK.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.

1 2-story and attic brick house and lot, No. 101 Bowery, 25.4 ft. n. of Hester st.; lot 25x119.5x25x119.4 ..... $35,900

6 lots West 68th st., n. s., 215 ft. e. of 11th av., together in one parcel; 20x100.5. Sold in one parcel. 6,800

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Tuesday, March 3.

Chrystie st., w. s. 125.3 ft. s. of Grand st., 25x75 ..... $29,500

Cherry st., n. s. 22 ft. e. of Corlears av., 15x45; lot 1-6 part 5,833

Forsyth st., e. s., 78 ft. s. of Delancey st., 22x75 18,500

Greene st., e. s. e. corner of Dey st., 43x72.2x irr. 40.3x77.8 75,000

Henry st., s. s., between Pike and Rutgers sts., 21x100 14,000

Stanton st., Nos. 185 and 187, s. w. corner of Attorney st., 37.7x72.8 32,750

11th st., n. s. 195 ft. e. of Avenue A, 25x103.8 21,000

29th st., n. s. 200 ft. e. of 9th av., 21.10x63.10 12,000

Same Property 12,000

37th st., n. s., 300 ft. e. of 10th av., 25x98.9,1-2 part 4,000

39th st., s. s., 225 ft. w. of 9th av., 25x98.9 12,000

Same Property 12,000

41st st., s. s., 365 ft. e. of 2d av., 16x98.9,1-2 part 5,000

Same Property, n. s., 212.6 ft. e. of 2d av., 17.6x100.5. 10,500

45th st., s. w. corner of 4th av., 25x75 12,000

53d st., s. s., 176.3 ft. w. of 3d av., 25x100.5 22,250

83d st., n. s., 375 ft. e. of 5th av., 25x100.5 76,000

97th st., n. s., 266.8 ft. w. of 2d av., 25.4x102.9 10,000

116th st., n. s., 228.4 ft. w. of 1st av., 25.4x102.9 10,000

125th st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of 1st av., 28.4x102.2 10000

127th st., s. s., 54 ft. e. of 4th av., 18x74.10 12,500

Avenue A, n. w. corner of 7th st., 20x80 20,000

Concord av., southerly corner 144th st., 20x100, Morrisania 800

Modena av., e. s., 222 ft. s. of 74th st., 20x80 40,000

2d av., n. e. corner 3d st., 25x80, with 4-story brick building 40,000

6th av., widened, s. w. corner 135th st., 99.11x irr. 40,000

8th st., No. 632, s. s., 22 ft. n. of 40th st., 19.2 x59.6 25,000

10th av., w. s., 125.5 ft. n. of 57th st., 14x104.3 x25.5x100 7,000

LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCES.

85th st., s. s., 80 ft. w. of 10th av., 20x100.5; 10th av., w. s., 80.4 ft. s. of 85th st., 20x100; 10th av., s. w. corner 86th st., 21.2x100; 10th av., w. s., 60.3 ft. s. of 86th st., 20.1x80; 86th st., e. s., 80 ft. w. of 10th av., 20x100.5; 10th st., s. s., 60 ft. e. of 86th st., 20.1x80; 10th av., 10th st., w. s., 20.1 ft. n. of 85th st., 20.1x80; 10th av., n. w. corner 86th st., 20.1x80 ..... $72,000

10th av., w. s., 80.2 ft. s. of 86th st., 20.1x80; 10th av., s. w. corner of 87th st., 20.1x80; 10th av., w. s., 40.2 ft. n. of 85th st., 20.1x80; 10th av., w. s., 20.1 ft. s. of 86th st., 20.1x80 36,000

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Madison av., No. 327, 5 years, per year $4,000

Rivington st., No. 307, 5 years, per year 1,000

34 av., No. 572, 5 6-12 years, per year 3,400

Broadway, No. 435, basement, 5 years, per year. 1,200

6th st., No. 382, 5 years, per year 3,000

6th av., No. 386, 5 years, per year 1,000

34 av., No. 179, 5 years, per year 1,900

34 av., No. 179, 5 years, per year 1,900

CITY REAL ESTATE.

TWO NEW FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY AND BASEMENT brown-stone residences, finish throughout, West 92d st., 154 feet west of Boulevard, $23,000; also a four-story brown-stone front, No. 308 West 58th st., in perfect order; unsurpassed; also a lot, directly opposite, $17,000; one four-story and basement property, three two-story stores and dwellings, with a two-story brick building in rear, 26x50, 8th av., near 53th st. Apply to WM. BRIDES, Builder and Owner, No. 986 8th av.

TO PARTIES WHO MAY DESIRE TO INVEST IN Real estate in the new Twenty-third Ward, or who may want correct information of values, we offer our services. Having made a specialty of that section during the past eight years, we have unusual advantages and have complete special survey maps. P. G. & C. B. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

FOR SALE.

A new medium-size, four-story brown-stone house, No. 115 East 70th st., "Lennox Hill," built in the best manner by days' work, and hard wood finish; replete and complete in every particular; price very low; terms easy. Inquire of CHARLES FOX, on WM. BRISTLEY, on the premises, No. 12 East 45th st.

FOR SALE—TWO THREE-STORY AND BASEment brown-stone houses on 123d st., between Madison and 4th avs.; terms easy; or would take in exchange first mortgage bonds of New-York or New-Jersey Midland Railroad. S. B. S., Box No. 2,130 New-York Post Office.

AN EXTRA LARGE FOUR-STORY BROWN-stone-front house, north-west corner 74th st. and Madison av.; cabinet finished throughout; built by day's work for his own use. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply on premises or to owner,

W. H. MEAD, No. 67 Wall st.

FIFTH AV., ABOVE 42D ST.—MODERN FIRST-class extra wide corner house; stable convenient if wanted; others on the avenue; $65,000 to $250,000.

W. C. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FIFTY-SIXTH ST., NEAR 5TH AV.—FIRST-class finish three-story brown-stone house; elegant order; for sale very cheap.

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FOR SALE—IN 24TH ST., NEAR AND WEST OF Broadway, a first-class four-story high-stoop brown-stone house, 20x72; half the block; price, $45,000. HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

NEAT THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP brown-stone house, 20 feet wide, in 44th st., near 6th av.; low figure. For permits apply to WM. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

FOUR-STORY, HIGH STOOP, BROWN STONE. —First-class neighborhood; carpets, six mirrors, gas fixtures; in perfect order; $27,500; easy terms. No. 207 West 38th st.; owner on premises.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—STORAGE STORES, 3 and 5 Peck slip, and 6 Beekman street, fronting East River, adjoining Hamilton Ferry.

C. S. SCHIEFFELIN, No. 170 William st.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—BUSINESS AND Investment property in Wall st., near Hudson; lot 22x100; well rented; desirable property.

ROBERT T. HASKINS, No. 30 Cedar st.

FOR SALE—A FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE house on 47th st., between 5th and 6th avs. A decided bargain.

R. W. WILLIAMS, No. 337 6th av.

FOR SALE—FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY, BROWN-stone house, No. 239 West 40th st., between Broadway and 7th av. Store in Central Park; terms reasonable. Apply to JOHN H. SWEENY, No. 239 West 40th st.

FOR SALE—A FOUR-STORY AND BASEMENT brown-stone front house, No. 129 West 45th st., between 5th and 6th avs. Inquire at No. 127 West 45th st.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY AND basement brown-stone house, No. 29 West 20th st., between Broadway and 5th av. Lot 20x98.9; terms reasonable. Apply to JOHN H. SWEENY, No. 239 West 40th st.

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FOR SALE—ONE OR ALL OF WELL-RENTED high-stoop houses Nos. 582, 584, and 586 7th av., at junction with Broadway, and opposite extensive hotel now erecting. Those seeking an opportunity for a safe and very profitable investment will do well to look at this property, as examination will show for business purposes it must soon more than double its present value and price asked. Call on OWNER, No. 588 West 44th st., before 11 o'clock, and evenings.

FOR SALE—ON MADISON AV., NEAR 39TH ST., a magnificent brown-stone private residence, 25x60, with extension; price, $80,000, including gas fixtures, mirrors, and library cases; terms easy. Address W. S., Box No. 114 *Times* Office.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A BLOCK OF brown-stone houses on the east side, with an equity of $200,000 to $300,000, for which I will pay one-half in State bonds and the balance in suburban property near depot on Central Railroad of New-Jersey, within an hour of City. A. G. DARWIN, No. 10 Pine st.

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GEORGE G. SAMPSON, No. 16 Cliff st.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE FOR A SMALLER house, a first-class full-sized brown-stone house, with extension; 100 feet west of 5th av., below 30th st.; desirable as residence or business.

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FOR SALE—A DESIRABLE PIECE OF STORE and dwelling property on the westerly side of 4th av., between 124th and 125th sts.; central location; building three stories; in good order; price low; terms easy. Apply to CHARLES RUSTON, No. 170 Broadway.

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First-class houses, Nos. 203 and 207 West 45th st., price $21,000; also Nos. 247 and 249 West 44th st., price $15,500. Inquire on premises.

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COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—THE NAPA QUICKSILVER MINE.—Pursuant to an order of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York, in Bankruptcy, entered Feb. 3, 1874, the undersigned will receive proposals for the purchase of the Napa Quicksilver Mine until the 13th day of April next, inclusive. This mine, formerly known as the Oakville Quicksilver Mine, is situated in the Napa Valley, California, about sixty miles north of the City of San Francisco, from which it is accessible by rail in one hour and a half. The property is described in the deed to the Napa Quicksilver Mining Company from the Oakville Quicksilver Mining Company, as follows: All that certain mine, lead, or lode bearing cinnabar, known as the Oakville Quicksilver Mine, being one thousand feet in width by three thousand feet in length, as described in a certain patent issued to this company by the Government of the United States, dated March 15, 1872, which was recorded March 23, 1872, in the County Recorder's office of Napa County, California, in Book J, of Patents, page 254, a map of which patent may be seen at the office of the undersigned. Two brick furnaces, as well as brick, iron, and wooden condensers, engine, boiler, &c., belonging to the property, together with all the usual and necessary mining utensils. The mine has been in successful operation, and although the mining thus far has been confined mainly to the surface, sufficient depth has been obtained, however, to encourage the belief that rich ore remains below. In view of the present high price of quicksilver, this mine offers great inducements to close purchasers desiring to invest in mining property. Proposals must be accompanied by a certificate of deposit in the United States Trust Company of the City of New-York, of ten per cent. of the amount of the bid as a guarantee of performance in case of acceptance.

ALEXANDER G. BLACK,

Assignee of the Napa Quicksilver Mining Company, bankrupt, No. 126 Pearl street, New-York City.

New-York, July 10, 1874.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR GOOD CITY INCOME-PAYING PROPERTY—On the east bank of the Hudson, one hour from New-York, a country-seat of about forty acres, and large river front. In complete repair, mansion, outbuildings, lawn, shade, fruit, (out and under glass,) and unsurpassed anywhere. This property, built and perfected by the owner and occupant, is valued at $35,000, and will be sold on fair terms with early possession. For a public institution, college or otherwise, this estate cannot be surpassed within 100 miles of this City. Or will be exchanged for good warehouse or store property, well located and with attractive rent-roll.

If not disposed of by sale or exchange, will be let to a strictly private family for the season or year. Rent, $5,000. Apply to ROMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

HOTEL PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO LEASE.—The undersigned offers for sale or lease, on Nanuet's Well, one-quarter of a mile from Nanuet Station, on the line and a half acres of elevated land, with large hotel, thirty-five rooms; commanding fine view of the sound on Fairhaven Bay; ball-room, barn, stable, &c.; formerly occupied by Matt Gooderson; thirty minutes' ride by rail from the City; fifteen minutes' walk from depot; thirteen rooms; terms easy.

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FOR SALE—ONE OF THE FINEST COUNTRY seats on the west bank of the Hudson River, all improved and in perfect order; quarter mile river front, dock, &c.; a west side dwelling-house would be taken in exchange. Apply before 9:30 A. M., or after 4 P. M., at No. 20 West 45th st.

A CHARMING PLACE OF ABOUT THREE Acres at West Darien, near Stamford, Conn., for sale cheap; excellent house; thirteen rooms, good barn, garden, fruit, fishing, bathing, and boating.

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$7,000.—FOR SALE AT ELIZABETH, N. J., a French-roof house, eleven rooms, bay window, marble mantels; large lot. Inquire of M. P. WHETMORE, No. 202 Broad st., Elizabeth, or address House, Box No. 132 *Times* Office.

FOR SALE AT KENSICO, WESTCHESTER County.—A farm of sixty-five acres, one-quarter of a mile from Harlem Railroad Depot, and three miles from White Plains. For particulars inquire of ROMER & SON, No. 183 West st., New-York.

AN ELEGANT TWO-STORY FRENCH-ROOF house on the best street in Yonkers; all improvements; shade and fruit trees; near depot; will exchange for City property or lots in the new wards. Address WM. COX, No. 303 East 51st st.

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ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner Main and Cone sts.

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, HIGHEST GROUND IN Elizabeth, near main depot, $4,000 below cost; great bargain for quick buyer; sacrifice.

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LONG BRANCH, NEAR WEST END HOTEL and Ocean av.—For sale, two villa plots in this fine section, each about one and a half acres; easy terms.

JAMES PRICE, No. 200 Hudson st.

FOR SALE—A PLEASANT COTTAGE HOUSE AT Tenafly, N. J., nine rooms; thirty minutes from 23d st.; price $6,000. CHAS. CLINCH, No. 111 Broadway, basement, Room C; or T. C. TEALS, Tenafly, N. J.

VIRGINIA FARMS, 600 ACRES, STOCK and tools, would exchange for a small farm. A. P. SMITH, No. 27 Park row, Room No. 20.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

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A mansion and out-buildings, nine acres..... $60,000
One also beautifully located, six acres..... 35,000
Near house, barn, fine surroundings..... 12,000
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Magnificent properties and improvements..... $16,000
Several fine parcels on the west side of the Hudson for sale by

J. F. WILLIAMS & SON,
No. 270 West 34th st., adjoining North River Savings Bank, of Washington st., opp. Howard, Tarrytown.

A HOME IN THE COUNTRY.—CENTRAL NEW-Jersey Land Improvement Company have houses, lots, and land by the acre for sale at all points on the line of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey. Apply to A. D. HOPE, or ELSTON MARSH, No. 119 Liberty st.

GREENWICH, CONN.—TWO FIRST-CLASS dwelling-houses, five and ten acres land, for sale. Apply to FRANCIS TOMES, No. 119 Broadway.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

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34

MAGNIFICENT LOTS,

BEING A PORTION OF THE ESTATE OF

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ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, March 12, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executors of Andrew Carrigan, deceased:

GRAND BOULEVARD.

Eight lots, comprising the entire westerly front on the Boulevard, between 114th and 115th sts.

114TH ST.

Nine lots on the northerly side of 114th st., between Boulevard and Riverside av., with the MANSION HOUSE thereon.

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Nine lots on the southerly side of 115th st., between the Boulevard and Riverside av.

RIVERSIDE AV.

Eight lots on the easterly side of Riverside av., between 114th and 115th sts., and fronting

THE RIVERSIDE PARK

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and commanding a magnificent view of both.

Seventy per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

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EIGHT VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS ON 146TH AND 147TH STS., WEST OF THIRD WARD OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, AT AUCTION.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO. will sell without reserve to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1874,

At 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway (Trinity Building,)

By order of Trustee, to close interest,

Eight valuable building lots, 25x100 feet each; four lots, each on 146th st. and 147th st., between St. Anne's and Brook avs. Cash payment of $1,400. Also handsome brick residence, with stable and grounds, rent $2,000; both houses command extensive river views. LESHURE & FRIEDMAN, No. 12 Pine st.

TO LET—A THREE-STORY AND BASEMENT HIGH-stoop brick house, Philadelphia front, brown-stone stoop and trimmings; all improvements; thirty-five minutes from ferry. Apply on premises, Margaretta st., second house last from Broadway.

NO. 207 WEST 38TH ST.—FIRST-CLASS neighborhood; carpeted throughout, six mirrors, gas-fixtures complete; eighteen rooms; rent, $2,700, or without carpets, $2,500; perfect order; owner on premises.

TO RENT.—A FULLY-FURNISHED HOUSE OF SIXteen rooms, on a retired avenue, five minutes from Southfield Landing, Staten Island, with stable, all in perfect order, for six months or a year. Inquire at No. 53 Exchange place, front office.

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Fulton av., two full lots on south side, 100 feet west of Schenectady av.

Herkimer st., three full lots on north side, 100 feet west of Schenectady av., and in rear of above.

Terms very easy on all of above property. Maps at Auctioneer's office, No. 21 Park Row, New-York.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of CHARLES H. TUTHILL, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the assignee in the above matter, that he will sell at public auction, at the Merchants' Exchange, at Chester Depot, Orange County, N. Y., on THURSDAY, the 26th day of March, A. D. 1874, at 12 noon precisely, the certain real estate and premises of said bankrupt, situate in said village of Chester, whereon he now dwells, and known and described as lot 2 of the plan of lots surveyed for the Presbyterian Society of Chester, on the north-west side of the highway leading from Chester Depot to Warwick, and running thence along the road fifty-four rods, to village of Chester to Craigville, and being seventy feet in front on each of said roads, to the highest bidder, subject to all incumbrances.—Dated New-York, March 2, 1874. BENJ. F. DEKER, Assignee,

No. 191 Duane st., New-York City.

LUTHER SHAFER, Attorney for Assignee, No. 37 Park row, New-York City.

AUCTION SALE—FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE dwelling, No. 408 6th st., Supreme Court order, by H. S. Camp, March 5; Columbia College lease; ground rent, $320.

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TWO ELEVATORS; FIRE-PROOF; HEATED BY STEAM.

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TO LEASE FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS, on ridge overlooking Harlem River and valley, opposite 200th st., within twenty-five minutes of Grand Central Depot, or three-quarters hour drive from Central Park entrance, a large and commodious brick house, built in the best manner; gas and water throughout; billiard-room, greenhouse, gatehouse, stable for six horses and cows given rent free for carriages; in all respects a first-class residence, and admirably suited not a gentleman of taste and refinement. The grounds are nine acres in extent, with fine lawn, garden, &c. The house is very handsomely furnished, and will be rented fully furnished with linen, glass, china, pictures, and books, if desired. HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

TO RENT OR LEASE.—ALL THE LOFTS OF the substantial six-story store No. 20 Beekman st., extending through 186 feet to and fronting on Spruce st.; also, store, basement, and cellar on Beekman st., 95 feet deep; excellent location for first-class trade, requiring extensive accommodations and fine light, only a few hundred feet from new Post Office; steady steam-power can be had if desired. Apply to

JAMES PRICE, No. 200 Hudson st.

TO LET OR LEASE,

The large corner office, 21x40, second floor, Methodist Book Concern Building, Broadway and 11th st.

WM. B. VALDENER,

No. 100 4th av., near 12th st.

SALES-ROOMS, LOFTS, STUDIOS, AND Offices in the Domestic Sewing-machine Company's Building, corner Broadway and 14th st., (Union square,) to rent, over the bank, corner of 8th av. and 24th st.; or No. 35 East 17th st.

TO LET—STORE, NO. 6 FLETCHER ST; admirably adapted to the best tobacco business; having a fine, light, dry cellar. Apply to JOHN D. SKIDMORE, No. 69 Cedar st.

TO LET—FOR A LIGHT BUSINESS, THE FIRST floor over the bank, corner of 8th av. and 24th st.; finest location on the avenue. J. F. WILLIAMS & SON, No. 270 West 34th st., adjoining North River Savings Bank.

TO LET OR LEASE—STORE AND DWELLING, No. 92 West Houston st., near Broadway. Inquire of HENRY DEMAREST, at office of Relief Fire Insurance, No. 149 Broadway, from 12 to 2 o'clock.

CORNER STORE ON READE AND HUDSON sts. to lease; admirable location for grocery or commission trade; five rooms; basement and cellar, 25x75.

JAMES PRICE, No. 200 Hudson st.

TWO LARGE STORES AND LOFTS ON Broadway, between 32d and 33d sts., will be altered to suit tenants. J. ROMAINE BROWN, No. 1,280 Broadway, corner 33d st.

TO LEASE—THE STORE AND BASEMENT, NO. 53 Frankfort st., a floor or two above the store can be had if desired.

L. C. SANDFORD, No. 153 Bowery.

THE URANIAN NATIONAL BANK, New-York, March 3, 1874.

TO LET.—TWO NICE OFFICES IN THIS BUILding suitable for Jewelers. Inquire in the Bank.

STORE TO LET IN BROADWAY BLOCK.—STORE No. 20 Vesey st., 25x100, and dry and light subcellar of No. 20 Vesey st. Apply to J. & J. W. MEEKS, No. 30 Vesey st., Room No. 6.

TO LET—FOR LIGHT BUSINESS PURPOSES, the corner part of a building on grand st., west of Broadway.

TO LET—STORE NO. 274 6TH AV., BETWEEN 16th and 17th sts. Apply to owner, ROBT. I. BROWN, No. 30 Nassau st.

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Four story, high stoop, full size, Clinton place.....$2,600
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Four story, English basement, 23d st..... 2,500
Four story, high stoop, extra size, 32d st..... 5,400
Four story, high stoop, full size, 42d st..... 4,000
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Also others, and desirable furnished houses.

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TO LET OR LEASE—IN NEWTOWN VILLAGE, Long Island, a house suitable for a boarding-house; rent, $750; also a commodious house, beautifully situated on Clermont terrace; rent, $800; both within two minutes of railroad depots, and less than one hour from any part of New-York via James Slip and Thirty-fourth Street Ferries, Flushing and North-side Railroad and Flushing (Long Island) Railroad. Apply to THOMAS WARRIN, Newtown.

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Four-story B. B. S. on 34th st.....$2,000
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Several fine country properties.

J. F. WILLIAMS & SON,
No. 270 West 34th st., corner 8th av.

ONLY $1,200 RENT—VALUE $40,000.—Beautiful place (two acres) on the river, five miles from City hall; large, fine house and stables; and near the above a large brick house and stable to rent for $600. Would exchange both of the above for City property. Apply or address OWNER, No. 192 Broadway, Room No. 13.

TO LET—A FINE HOUSE, AT PERKSKILL, NEAR the depot, with every convenience; magnificent view of river; having an acre of ground well laid out with abundance of fruit, flowers, and shrubbery; will be rented very low to a responsible party. See photograph at office of J. F. WILLIAMS & SON, No. 270 West 34th st., corner 8th av.

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A THREE-STORY BROWN-STONE HOUSE to let, furnished—234 East 58th av., to small family; also three-story furnished house at Rockaway Park; carriage-house, lawn, &c.; forty minutes from City Hall.

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No. 254 8th av., next to Park & Tilford's grocery store.

TO LET—AT FORT WASHINGTON, LARGE COTtage, containing all improvements; rent $1,400. Also handsome brick residence, with stable and grounds. Rent, $2,000; both houses command extensive river views. LESHURE & FRIEDMAN, No. 12 Pine st.

TO LET—A THREE-STORY AND BASEMENT HIGH-stoop brick house, Philadelphia front, brown-stone stoop and trimmings; all improvements; thirty-five minutes from ferry. Apply on premises, Margaretta st., second house last from Broadway.

NO. 207 WEST 38TH ST.—FIRST-CLASS neighborhood; carpeted throughout, six mirrors, gas-fixtures complete; eighteen rooms; rent, $2,700, or without carpets, $2,500; perfect order; owner on premises.

TO RENT.—A FULLY-FURNISHED HOUSE OF SIXteen rooms, on a retired avenue, five minutes from Southfield Landing, Staten Island, with stable, all in perfect order, for six months or a year. Inquire at No. 53 Exchange place, front office.

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TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSE IN STAMFORD; central, cosy, shady; water front and view; carriage-house and fruit; two cottages in Riverside, three minutes from depot; hotel and depot; hot and cold water. Also, fully-furnished splendid lots:

Fulton av., two full lots on south side, 100 feet west of Schenectady av.

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Terms very easy on all of above property. Maps at Auctioneer's office, No. 21 Park Row, New-York.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of CHARLES H. TUTHILL, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the assignee in the above matter, that he will sell at public auction, at the Merchants' Exchange, at Chester Depot, Orange County, N. Y., on THURSDAY, the 26th day of March, A. D. 1874, at 12 noon precisely, the certain real estate and premises of said bankrupt, situ

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP LINE.

GREAT REDUCTION IN RATES, PASSAGE AND FREIGHT.

To California via Panama.

The magnificent steam-ships of this line will be dispatched from Pier No. 42, North River, New-York, as follows:

Saturday, March 7, at 12 noon, CITY OF GUATEMALA, Capt. HILDRETH. Freight only.

Saturday, March 14, at 2 P. M., HENRY CHAUNCEY, commodore A. G. GRAY. Passengers and freight.

Saturday, March 28, at 2 P. M., COLON, Capt. ——. Passengers and freight.

Saturday, April 11, at 1 P. M., ACAPULCO, Capt. ——. Passengers and freight.

Saturday, April 25, at 1 P. M., HENRY CHAUNCEY, commodore A. G. GRAY. Passengers and freight.

And every fortnight thereafter, connecting at Panama with all steamers for Central America, Mexican coast, and South Pacific ports.

Passenger steamers will call at Kingston, Jamaica, both at their outward and homeward trips, arriving at that port on Friday, the sixth day after leaving New-York, and leaving Saturday P. M. for Aspinwall.

Extra steamers for freight, &c., will be dispatched on intermediate Saturdays, whenever the necessities of transportation may require it.

TO JAPAN AND CHINA.

The splendid steamers of this line leave San Francisco first of every month for Yokohama, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, carrying United States mails.

Extra steamers will be dispatched on the 16th of the month, whenever sufficient business offers. Steamers for this line leaving Hong Kong after April 1, next, will bring freight to Panama, via Yokohama and San Francisco, without breaking bulk.

Time contracts and through bills of lading issued via panama.

Tea will be brought from San Francisco to New-York, first, in twenty-eight days, at $40, gold, per ton of 2,000 pounds.

RATES OF PASSAGE,

including berth, meals and all requisites for the trip.)

New-York to San Francisco, $50, $100 or $110 currency, according to location.

New-York to Kingston, $25 or $50, gold, according to location.

San Francisco to Yokohama, $150, gold.

San Francisco to Hong Kong, $200, gold.

For freight and passage or other information apply at the Company's office, Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal st., New-York.

H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.
RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

INMAN LINE.

NOTICE.

The course laid down for these steamers, and followed by them for several years, is fixed to pass 250 miles south of Cape Race. Although the voyage is thus lengthened about 100 miles, better weather is met with, and there is much greater freedom from fogs and floating ice, and the danger of navigation consequent thereon.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, March 7, 8 A. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....Saturday, Mar. 14, 2 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, Mar. 21, 8 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Mar. 28, 2 P. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN, $70, $80, and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.

STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Brest, Cardiff or Hull, $30. Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $32, currency. Passengers also forwarded to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.

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For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the company's office, No. 15 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River.

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FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.

Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.

ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, March 7, at 8 A. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, March 14, 2 P. M.
GERMANIC.....SATURDAY, March 21, 8 A. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, March 28, at 2 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.

Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, unsurpassed.

SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.

Saloon, State-rooms, smoking-room and Bath-rooms in midship section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.

Rates—Saloon, $80, gold; return tickets, $140, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from any part of the country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $32, currency.

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E. J. CORTIS, Agent.

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THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent, (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

ST. LAURENT.....LACHENEZ.....Saturday, March 7
PEREIRE.....DAURE.....Saturday, March 21
HENRIQUE.....ROUSSAU.....Saturday.....April 4
EUROPE.....SURVILLE.....Saturday.....April 18

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE:

First Cabin, $125.....Second Cabin, $75.

Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

American travelers going to, or returning from, the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.

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NOTE.—In June and thereafter, the departures will be on Thursday of every week.

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STEAM-SHIPS:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA	STATE OF VIRGINIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA	STATE OF GEORGIA,
STATE OF MINNESOTA,	STATE OF FLORIDA, bldg,
STATE OF ALABAMA,	STATE OF INDIANA,
STATE OF NEVADA, building.	

TO GLASGOW, BELFAST, LIVERPOOL, LONDONDERRY, &c.

State of Pennsylvania sails.....Saturday, March 7
State of Virginia sails.....Saturday, March 21
State of Louisiana sails.....Saturday, April 4

FROM PIER NO. 36 NORTH RIVER, NEW-YORK.

WEEKLY SAILINGS NEXT SUMMER.

RATES OF PASSAGE.—Cabin, $60 to $80, gold; steerage, $30, currency; prepaid, $32, currency. Drafts at lowest rates.

For further particulars apply to
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NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—This Company takes the risk of insurance (up to $300,000 in gold) on each of its steamers, thus giving passengers the best possible guarantee for safety and avoidance of danger at sea.

The most southerly route has *always* been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.

From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.

TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL

Greece, Wed., Mar. 4, 3 P. M. | Spain, Sat., Mar. 14, 1:30 P. M.
Italy, Sat., March 7, 8 A. M. | Canada, Wed., Mar. 21, 8 A. M.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

FRANCE, THOMPSON.....Tuesday, March 3, 3 P. M.

Steerage passage, $30 and $80, currency. Steerage, $29, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

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(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)

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THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from

PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:

IDAHO, Capt. MOORE.....March 10, 10 A. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. PRICE.....March 17, 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BEDDOE.....March 24, 10:30 A. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. FREEMAN.....March 31, 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $60, $80, and $100, gold.

Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.

For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall st.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.

The new first-class mail steamship KAISER, will sail on SATURDAY, March 7, at 2 P. M., from Bremen Pier, foot 3d st., Hoboken, to be followed by steam-ship GRAF BISMARCK, Capt. G. MEYER, on WEDNESDAY, March 18, at 9 A. M.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO LONDON, HAVRE, AND BREMEN, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:

First cabin.....$120
Second cabin.....72
Steerage.....30

For freight or passage apply to
OELERICHS & CO., Agents, No. 2 Bowling green.

ANCHOR LINE

Steamers sail from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Dey st.,

every WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

Passengers booked at lowest rates to and from Glasgow, Liverpool, Londonderry, London, Belfast, Paris, Hamburg, Bremen, &c. Company's office, No. 7 Bowling green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:

Steam-ship COLUMBUS, E. C. REED, March 3.
Steam-ship MORRO CASTLE, T. H. MORTON, March 10.
Steam-ship CRESCENT CITY, T. S. CURTIS, March 17.

For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to
WM. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling green.

D. MCKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

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Drafts for £1 and upward, issued at lowest rates.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one. Their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best accomodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

FOR HAVANA.

NASSAU, PROGRESO, AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line,

Leaving Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct).....March 5
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana direct).....March 12
CITY OF MEXICO, (Havana and Mexico).....March 14
CITY OF MERIDA, (Havana and Nassau).....March 19
CUBA, (Havana direct).....March 21
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct)....Wed., March 25

For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 83 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK.	FROM BOSTON
Cuba, Wednesday, March 4	Parthia, Saturday, March 7
Algeria, Wed'day, March 25	Olympia, Sat'day, March 14
Java, Wednesday, April 1	Calabria, Wed'y, March 18
Atlas, Saturday, April 4	Hecla, Saturday, March 21
	Marathon, Sat'y, March 28

Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.

Rates of passage—Cabin, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Tickets to Paris, $15, gold, additional. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage, $30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown, and all parts of Europe, at lowest rates. Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports. For freight and cabin passage apply at the company's office, No. 4 Bowling green; for steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE,

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,

THE FLORIDA PORTS,

AND THE

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

SAILING SEMI-WEEKLY AT 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29 North River.

MANHATTAN, Capt. M. S. WOODRUFF, Saturday, March 7.

GEORGIA, Capt. S. CROWELL, Wednesday, March 11.

Superior accommodations for passengers.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.

Goods forwarded free of commission.

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Through freight tariffs. Passage tickets by all routes and to all points in the South and South-west, and further information can be obtained at the office of

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GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA, AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

THE STEAM-SHIPS

SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, March 7, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, WEDNESDAY, March 11, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.

R. LOWDEN, Agent,
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Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.

Superior accommodations for passengers.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.

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THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO with the English and French Mail Steamships for MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.

The splendid steam-ship ONTARIO, Capt. GEO. R. SLOCUM, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on MONDAY, March 23, at 2 P. M., calling at ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.

First cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210, and to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage half price. EXCURSION TICKETS, good for six months, at three quarters of above rates. Freights greatly reduced.

Apply to WM. R. GARRISON, No. 5 Bowling green.

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BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA.

First-class full-powered English-built Iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 12 North River.

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CLARIBEL.....March 17
CORINTH.....April 3

For JAMAICA AND COLOMBIA:

ATLAS.....March 5
ETNA.....March 24

First-class passenger accommodation.

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SAMANA BAY COMPANY.

For Puerta Plata, Samana and San Domingo City. The United States Mail steam-ship TYBEE, Capt. DELANOY, will leave Pier No. 3 North River, on SATURDAY, March 7, at 3 P. M. Bills of exchange on Puerta Plata, Samana, and San Domingo City, in sums to suit purchasers, for sale. For freight or passage apply to

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THE GREAT TRUNK LINE AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached, 8:30 A. M., and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.

For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division, 7 P. M.

For Williamsport, 8:30 A. M., connecting at Philadelphia.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, at 8:40 A. M., 12 M., and 4 P. M. Sunday 5 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 8:40, 9:30, A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5, 8:10, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For Trenton at 7:20 A. M., 2, 3:10, and 6:10 P. M. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 10:30, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 6:10 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:30, and 8 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 3 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 6:10 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Pemberton and Camden, 6 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 12:35 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:55 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:05 A. M., 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:35, 5:15, 6:50, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket-offices, Nos. 526, 435, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.

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General Manager. General Passenger Agent.

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ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville, with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division Line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

8:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

6 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.

7 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mount Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington, at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

4 P. M.—News Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.

6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.

9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.

For Elizabeth at 5:15, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M.; 12 M.; 12:40, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 6:10 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:30, and 8 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 3 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 6:10 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Pemberton and Camden, 6 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 12:35 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:55 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:05 A. M., 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:35, 5:15, 6:50, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket-offices, Nos. 526, 435, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.

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CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.

ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville, with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division Line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

8:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

6 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.

7 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mount Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington, at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

4 P. M.—News Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.

6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.

9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.

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RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK, CENTRAL, AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Nov. 2, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St. Albans.

10:30 A. M., Special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.

10:45 A. M., Kossburg, and Western Express.

3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to Montreal.

6:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Two trains as per time tables.

C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Jan. 1, 1874, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1, and 5:10 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3 and 4:08 P. M.; Wassaick Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 12 M., and 3 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven, Middletown and Willimantic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 5:10 P. M. (7 P. M. on Sundays.) Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 9:10 P. M. (9:10 P. M. on Sundays.)

Way trains as per local time tables.

J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.
E. M. REED, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR LUMBER FOR THE SOUTH WING OF THE NEW STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS' BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. of the 7th day of March, 1874, for furnishing and delivering the following schedule of Lumber at the new State, War, and Navy Departments' Building, Washington, D. C.:

17,000 feet B. M. (more or less) Southern pine rails, sawed 3x3 inches.

45,000 feet B. M. (more or less) Southern pine flooring, grooved and tongued, 1¼ inches thick, and in widths not exceeding four inches.

500 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish ¾ inch thick.

3,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1 inch thick.

12,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1¼ inches thick, and to be richly figured for door panels.

1,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1½ inches thick.

25,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 2 inches thick.

If the mercantile schedule of lumber must be of the very best quality of their respective kinds, thoroughly seasoned and free from all knots, sap, shakes, and other defects, and must all be delivered in such lengths and in such quantities as will be called for by the Superintendent.

The Southern pine rails and flooring must all be heart stuff, free from all defects, as none other will be accepted.

The mahogany to be of the best quality Honduras.

Samples of each of the above woods will be submitted.

Payments will be made on the delivery and acceptance of material, deducting ten per centum until the completion of the contract.

All bids must be accompanied by the penal bond of two responsible persons, in the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, ($3,500,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded to him; the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposal be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the lumber trade, and who have not the necessary facilities for furnishing the material.

Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bids for Lumber," and addressed to

A. B. MULLETT,
Supervising Architect.

PROPOSALS FOR "PLASTERING MATERIALS," FOR THE SOUTH WING OF THE NEW STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS' BUILDING, WASHINGTON D. C.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1874.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. of the 7th day of March, 1874, for furnishing and delivering the following articles of Plasterers' Materials at the new State, War, and Navy Departments' building, Washington, D. C.

2,000 barrels (more or less) best quality plasterers' lime.

1 000 barrels (more or less) best quality plaster of Paris, of Isaacs' or Cortheprson's brands, or brands equal thereto.

500 cubic yards (more or less) of sharp, clean river sand.

200 barrels (more or less) sharp, clean white sand.

700 bushels (more or less) long, dry, and clean cattle hair.

Samples of each of the above items to be submitted with the proposals.

Payment will be made on the delivery and acceptance of materials, deducting ten per cent on until the completion of the contract.

All bids must be accompanied by the penal bond of two responsible persons, in the sum of two thousand dollars, ($2,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him; the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so; and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposal be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the lumber trade, and who have not the necessary facilities for furnishing the materials.

Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bids for Marble Work," and addressed to

A. B. MULLETT, Supervising Architect.

PROPOSALS FOR "MARBLE WORK" FOR THE SOUTH WING OF THE NEW STATE, WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS' BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. of the 7th day of March, 1874, for furnishing and delivering the following schedule of Marble Work at the New State, War and Navy Departments' Building, Washington, D. C.:

10,000 feet (more or less) White Marble Tiles, 12x12x1 inch foil.

3,000 (more or less) Half do. do.

11,000 (more or less) Black Marble Tiles, 12x12x1 inch tiles.

1,250 feet superficial (more or less) Black Marble Borders of various widths, from 4 inches up, all 1 inch thick.

Bids will be received for furnishing the White Tiles of best quality white-veined Italian or white-veined American statuary marble, the Black Tiles of best quality Belgian, Glenn's Falls, or Lyonaise marble, or red Vermont slate; the borders of best quality black Belgian, or Glenn's Falls marble. The whole of the tiles and borders to be one inch full in thickness, with sawn backs and the edges cut full to the square and perfectly true; the face and edges to be rubbed to a proper surface. Bidders will state the description of marble they propose to furnish, and will submit samples along with their bids.

Payments will be made on delivery and acceptance of materials, deducting ten per centum until the completion of the contract.

All bids must be accompanied by the penal bond of two responsible persons, in the sum of three thousand dollars, ($3,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him; the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

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LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE BROADWAY EXPLOSION.

Charles Newton, the agent of the Parlor Artillery Company, has not yet satisfactorily recovered from the shock caused by the explosion at No. 900 Broadway to throw any light upon the origin of the mysterious occurrence. He either does not know or will not tell anything connected with the cause of the explosion. his mind on that point being, as he says, a perfect blank. Various theories have been advanced, but all have been discredited by those competent to form an opinion upon the subject. Newton, being the sole occupant of the store at the time of the explosion, is the only one who can throw any light whatever on the subject, and his real or pretended ignorance of its origin leaves the matter shrouded in mystery. The mortar itself is a new patent, but the pieces cups, as they are called, are a very old invention, having been in use for years in connection with toy pistols. The Parlor Artillery Company say that they were not manufacturers of the caps, but purchased them from the manufacturer, whose factory is in Williamsburg. The ingredients of which these caps are composed are nitrate of potassium and phosphorus, and up to the time of the present occurrence they have always been considered perfectly harmless. The officers of the Fire Department have been ordered to search their premises at Paris for fulminating caps, and report the result in what quantities they find them. Superintendent Gildersleeve, of the Bureau of Combustibles, does not think that the caps are manufactured in any quantities in New-York; but his investigations of the few days will probably settle that fact definitely. The Superintendent is eagerly looking for any information tending to throw some light on the mysterious occurrence, and as soon as the slightest clue can be obtained will at once investigate the matter. One effect of the explosion has been the deterioration of the value of parlor artillery. In many of the up-town streets on the morning following the explosion numbers of the favorite toys could be seen lying on the sidewalks, having been hurriedly thrown out of reach by various parents who dreaded in their homes a repetition of the terrible scene on Broadway.

THE CANAL FUNDING BILL.

VIEWS OF MEMBERS OF THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE—THEY ARE DIVIDED IN THEIR OPINIONS.

The opposition of the New-York Produce Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce to the proposed amendment to the State Constitution known as the Canal Funding bill, now before the Legislature, is well known, and resolutions opposing the measure have been adopted by the respective bodies. The Funding bill has been discussed by the members of the Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce at meetings, and the resolutions passed have been taken as evidences of the sentiments of the associations. It is claimed by some supporters of the amendment, however, that there is a division of opinion among members of the Produce Exchange. To ascertain what the status of merchants in New-York is in regard to this subject has led to the circulation of petitions to the Legislature to submit the amendment to the Constitution to the people without further delay. In May, 1873, the Produce Exchange passed resolutions appointing a committee of five, comprising Messrs. L. J. N. Hark, David Dows, F. D. Moulton, Jesse Hoyt, and M. M. Caleb, to proceed to Albany, and represent the interests of the Exchange in the Canal Funding bill, then on its final passage before the Legislature. The committee did as directed, and upon arrival in Albany, May 25, found that the bill had passed the Senate and was to come before the House soon. They at once set to work and urged its passage, thereby discharging the duty committed to them. On the 18th of last month a meeting of the Exchange was held, and resolutions were passed strongly opposing the adoption of the amendment now before the Legislature. The resolutions appeared in THE TIMES at the time of their passage.

A TIMES reporter called upon Mr. David Dows, Mr. M. M. Caleb, and others, yesterday, to get their personal views on the subject. Mr. Dows said that he was decidedly in favor of the adoption of the amendment, and that he, with others, had signed a petition to the Legislature only a day or two since urging such action. The measure, he said, had received the approval of Gov. Dix and Controller Hopkins. He believed that by the proposed amendment the State canals would be made self-supporting, and that the shutting off the lateral canals was a step that would follow from the adoption of the amendment. Mr. Dows said he was one who believed that the boats on the canals at present in use were as large as could be profitably worked; that an enlargement of the canals so as to permit the vessels of 600 tons' carrying capacity was impracticable; that he doubted if sufficient water could be obtained all the year round, and further, that there would be found a decided difference in navigating vessels of the size proposed as still water previous experiments with other canals had illustrated the impracticability of using vessels of too great a size. Mr. Dows thought the amendment would effect just what the people wanted—low tolls and lessened taxation—and that all that was wanted was improved locks and harbor management. He agreed with the recently-given opinion of Attorney General Pratt, in which that official states that the expenses for necessary repairs in case of emergency could be derived from other revenues of the State and properly applied to that object. Mr. Dows emphatically approved of the amendment.

Mr. M. M. Caleb, President of the American Transportation Company, who was one of the Produce Exchange committee above referred to, said that the question of the Canal Funding bill in passing the recent adverse resolutions as a repudiation of its action last year, and as against the committee it had at that time delegated to act at Albany. Mr. Caleb thought that the amendment should be adopted if the great object of low tolls and relief from taxation were to be brought about. He did not believe in enlarging the canals to the extent favored by the Chamber of Commerce, but he thought there was a great need of improved locks. By adopting the amendment, he said, the big steals of the canal contractors would be stopped, and the robbing of the canal revenues be done away with. Mr. Caleb said he was receiving letters daily from all over the State, some asking for information and others urging on a concerted action among New-York merchants to effect the adoption of the amendment.

In conversation with Mr. Edson, President of the Produce Exchange, the writer was informed by that gentleman that the expression of the Exchange in the resolutions adopted Feb. 18 ult., was a true indication of the feeling of that body; that he believed that the adoption of the proposed amendment would tie up the canal interests and prove detrimental to the State; that the Exchange had acted as it believed for the interests of the mercantile community in opposing the amendment. So it appears that opinion is divided. In the meantime the petitions to the Legislature will be circulated for signatures.

FERRY FACILITIES FOR STATEN ISLAND.

For some time past the inadequacy of the existing ferry service between this City and Staten Island has been a source of inconvenience to the numerous residents of both, who have occasion to cross the bay. The two present lines—the Stapleton Line, from the foot of Whitehall; the North Shore, from the foot of Dey street, on the North River—are nearly a mile apart, and separated by a long distance of filthy streets, unusually filthy even for New-York, under its present inspiring Police management. The boats of the Stapleton Line only run once an hour, and those of the New-Brighton, or North Shore Line, at still greater intervals. Passengers who arrive at either of the ferry-houses a moment too late have the pleasing alternative of shivering in the cold for an hour or so, or wading a mile through a wilderness of mud, and then, perhaps, of missing the long sought for boat. To obviate this state of things the North Shore Company propose moving their New-York terminus to Whitehall, at a point adjoining that of the Stapleton Line, and close to the pier of the Hamilton Avenue (South Brooklyn) Ferry. Here they have secured a ten years' lease of the Pier No. 1 and water-front adjoining, and will begin early next week, the erection of an elegant and substantial ferry-house, with a front of 200 feet on Whitehall street, and costing in the neighborhood of $20,000. A part of the basin occupied a short time since by the Old Barge Office, and which will constitute the dock of the new terminus, has been dredged out to the depth of 18 feet, and will be further deepened to fourteen feet. Slips have been prepared, and will be at once submitted to the Legislature, authorizing the Broadway and Seventh Avenue, the Sixth Avenue, and Eighth Avenue Street-car Line to extend their tracks to Whitehall, and thus give the Staten Island boats a continuous rail transit to the upper parts of the island. During the early stages of the project an attempt was made in the interest of one or more of the East River lines to prevent the lease of the pier and the adjoining premises to the North Shore Company, but was speedily quashed by a petition to the Department of Docks in favor of the case, signed by Gen. Wm. Curtis, John G. Dale, Wm. Butler Duncan, John J. Cisco, and other prominent property-owners on Staten Island. It is expected that the new ferry-house will be sufficiently completed, at least for passenger accommodation, by the 1st of May. The ladies of New-Brighton, West Brighton, and Port Richmond have long been clamorous for the proposed change on account of the condition of the west side streets, between Broadway and Pier No. 13, the present terminus.

THE GERMAN EMIGRANT SOCIETY.

The Directors of the German Society held a meeting at their office, No. 13 Broadway, yesterday afternoon, when, from the reports submitted, it appeared that during the past month 1,554 German immigrants arrived at Castle Garden. Since the 1st of January 2,749 arrived. The Relief Committee, during the past month, expended $2,571 in aid of German immigrants in poor circumstances, and the sum of $2,500 was appropriated for charitable purposes during the present month. The Board of Directors, recently re-elected, reorganized for the ensuing year as follows: President, Sigismund Kaufmann; Vice Presidents, Rudolph Pagenstecher and Jacob Windmueller; Secretaries, W. A. Schmitthenner and Carl Rose; Treasurer, Theo. B. Buck.

THE WOODHULL & CLAFLIN CASE.

THE CHALLIS LIBEL SUIT COMMENCED—TWO JURORS OBTAINED.

The long-pending trial of Victoria C. Woodhull, Tennie C. Claflin, and Col. James H. Blood, charged with libeling Luther C. Challis in *Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly* of the 2d of November, 1872, was commenced yesterday, before Judge Sutherland, in the Court of General Sessions. The defendants appeared in court in custody of Deputy Sheriffs Gale and McGonigle, their bondsmen having, to the utter astonishment of the accused, surrendered them as they were entering court in the morning. The defendants, looking anxious and nervous, promptly took their places at the bar on their case being called. A large number of the friends of the Claflin sisters were present during the proceedings, and appeared very much interested in the case. Mr. Challis occupied a seat amid the counsel for the prosecution, which was represented by Assistant District Attorney Rollins, assisted by Ex-Judge Fullerton and Mr. Knox.

Mr. Charles W. Brooke, senior counsel for the prisoners, addressing the court, detailed the extraordinary exertions which had been made by his clients to proceed with the case that day, Mrs. Woodhull having traveled some 2,000 miles in order to go to trial, and the others accused having subpœnaed a large number of witnesses at very great trouble. They were most anxious to meet the charge against them, but in view of the extraordinary circumstances which had just been developed, counsel suggested to the court that the trial should not be proceeded with. Without any previous knowledge on the part of his clients, and by some extraordinary connivance contrived by he knew not whom, the several bondsmen of the prisoners had with unexampled unanimity all appeared that morning on the very threshold of the court and surrendered the accused, who were now surrounded by Deputy Sheriffs. These circumstances were so remarkable, and the act itself was one of such palpable oppression, that counsel appealed to the court whether, deprived of their liberty as they were, the prisoners should be compelled to proceed with the trial.

Assistant District Attorney Rollins stated that he had not been informed of any of the circumstances of the case, and referred the matter to Mr. Fullerton.

Mr. Fullerton said that the outrage which Mr. Brooke alleged had been committed on the prisoners resolved itself into the simple fact that the friends of the accused had surrendered them. He denied that the prosecuting officers were cognizant of the surrender of the prisoners' bail, and said that they had known nothing about it until they came into court this morning. The circumstance, however, of surrendering prisoners was not an unusual one.

Counsel for John H. McKinley, one of the principal bondsmen, stated that that gentleman had been anxious for months past to be released from his bond.

Judge Sutherland ruled that he could not allow the case to be postponed in consequence of the surrender of the prisoners by their bondsmen.

Counsel then called the names of some twenty witnesses for the defense, among whom were several prominent Wall and Broad street brokers. Only one answered, and service of subpœnas having been proved, attachments were issued to compel the attendance of the absent witnesses.

Mr. Brooke interposed a special plea of justification, under the constitutional provision, which, after considerable argument, was accepted.

The work of procuring a jury was then proceeded with, and, after Keefe O'Keefe, of No. 580 Third avenue, and Wm. Campbell, of No. 119 Frankfort street, had been accepted as first and second jurors, and a number of others had been excused, the court adjourned, Judge Sutherland having been summoned to testify in the King case. The prisoners were removed to the Tombs in custody of the court officers.

THE JERSEY CITY DEFAULTER.

The *Neuces Valley*, a newspaper published in Corpus Christi, Texas, of date of Feb. 14, gives some interesting statements relative to the experience of Hamilton, Jersey City's defaulting Treasurer, while in that neighborhood. It says: "The Corpus Christi Council, Friends of Temperance, passed the following resolution relative to the robbery of Hamilton by Chief of Police Parker:

Resolved, That we regard the robbery as high way robbery, and his release by those who had him in their power as disloyal and criminal. Any member of this council who robbed, released, or aided the defaulter Hamilton is hereby expelled for conduct unbecoming an honorable man, a good citizen, and a friend of Temperance, and he is hereby excluded forever from this council as unworthy of notice."

In another paragraph the paper states that Cortina, Mayor of Matamoras, will take all Hamilton's money, and then surrender him to the United States authorities. The committee of the Corpus Christi Common Council, appointed to investigate the charge of robbery against Chief of Police Parker, found that Hamilton had paid Parker $3,000 hush-money, and that he subsequently gave him a valise containing $16,000, and that amount was divided up among several parties. The committee reported that they found Parker guilty of deliberate robbery, and recommended that he be dishonorably dismissed from the office of Chief of Police. The paper finally states as a rumor that the Parker gang gave Hamilton the choice of his money or his life. Judging from these statements the absconding Treasurer must have fallen among worse thieves than himself.

BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES COURTS.

Emil Brun, a wine merchant, who lately went through the Bankruptcy Court, yesterday was held by United States Commissioner Osborne, in the sum of $2,000, for examination on a charge of secreting his property for the purpose of defrauding his creditors while going through the court....Return of process having been made and no claimant appearing, 4,300 cigars, which came to this port from Havana on board the Crescent City, were condemned by default for violation of the Revenue laws yesterday, in the United States District Court, by Judge Blatchford.... Two suits have been commenced by the United States against M. Simon & Co., importers, for the recovery of a balance due on duties paid by this firm on imported goods....The case of Robert Noack, arrested some time ago on a charge of sending through the mails information as to where obscene literature could be obtained, was called yesterday, before Commissioner Shields, and postponed to Monday, for the accused to prepare his defense. ....In the matter of Joseph Freund and others against the bark Lady Bowen, Judge Blatchford yesterday decided in favor of the libellants, with costs. The action was for damages to a consignment of feathers shipped on board the bark at Hamburg, for this port.

THE PARASOL AND UMBRELLA MAKERS' STRIKE.

The strike of the women employed in a certain Broadway umbrella manufactory continues, but presented no new features yesterday. The strike is as yet confined to a single establishment. No efforts have been made to compromise matters, and the firm is trying to put on new hands, of whom about two dozen have been obtained. The members of the firm state that plenty of new hands would be obtained if the striking women had not set a watch on the place to keep persons looking for work away from there. A meeting of the striking operatives was held at the Cooper Institute yesterday afternoon, in reference to this matter. The meeting was kept private, but it transpired, however, that nothing definite in the way of a settlement had been agreed upon. It would appear that the object is to make the movement general, in order to re-establish the old rate of wages, as they were in the Spring a year ago.

COMPULSORY MARRIAGE.

William J. Livingston, a young man, whose mother owns the house No. 206 West Twentieth street, in which he lives, was arraigned at the Tombs, yesterday, under extraordinary circumstances. Caroline Bruder, who, with her husband, an ex-policeman, lives in the same house, charges that on the 2d of October last Livingston entered her room and asked her to marry him. On her refusing he fired a pistol at her, the ball lodging in a closet door. On the 25th of October, she alleges that Livingston, by displaying a pistol, frightened her into accompanying him to the residence of Rev. William H. Wardell, where they were married. Livingston, through his counsel, said the charge was a conspiracy between the complainant and her first husband, and demanded an examination, pending which he was bailed in $2,000 to answer the charge.

A BOY SHOT BY HIS PLAYMATE.

Two boys named Finnegan and Brisbane were playing together in Central avenue, Long Island City, on Tuesday afternoon, pitching pennies, when Brisbane accused Finnegan of cheating. A quarrel ensued, when Brisbane drew from his pocket a small pistol and said, "Look out, now, or I will shoot you." A short scuffle then took place, during which the pistol was discharged, and Finnegan clapped his hands over his face crying that he was shot. Dr. Lewis Graves, on Central avenue, examined the wounds, and found that the charge had taken effect in the forehead and eyes of the lad. His injuries, though not serious, may possibly cause the loss of his sight.

ARREST OF ANTHONY J. COMSTOCK.

Mr. Anthony J. Comstock was arrested yesterday in the United States Court Building, on an order issued by the State Court, at the instance of James Bryan, who charges him with false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. It appears that Mr. Comstock had Bryan arrested for obtaining certain letters from the Post Office, and that he claimed that he was innocent of the offense. Mr. Comstock was held in $2,000 bail.

A GANG OF SWINDLERS.

EHRENBERG, MANDL, HERTZ & CO.

THEIR LATEST EXPLOIT—HISTORY OF THE PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF THE GANG—WHY ARE THEY OUT OF STATE PRISON?

Moritz Ehrenberg, Michael Mandl, Henry Hertz, Rudolph Blumenberg, and C. Frank are five of the greatest, and at the same time most despicable, of our German swindlers and thieves, now, unfortunately, out of State Prison. Their latest operation has been a cleverly-concocted scheme for plundering the bankers and citizens of Washington. Blumenberg, Frank, and Mandl, shortly after the opening of Congress, began in Washington the loaning of money upon securities of the District of Columbia as collaterals. These securities consisted of the several classes of bonds, and what are known as auditor's certificates, such as are issued to contractors in the settlement of their claims. They loaned chiefly upon the latter, and made their loans for the period of six months with interest generally at the rate of one and a half per cent. per month, so that it equaled nine per cent. on the amount of the loan. They found numerous customers among the brokers who negotiate loans for holders of securities, contractors, and others. Upon these latter securities they loaned from thirty to forty cents on the dollar. They then turned around and sold the security in the market at from forty to fifty cents on the dollar, and were ready to reinvest their money. These operations have been repeated to an extent covering, it is believed, over $100,000, and only within a week does their real purpose seem to have been suspected. Two of the party have now fled from the city, and it is estimated that they have reaped a profit of from $90,000 to $25,000 by their operations. A considerable number of brokers, bondholders, and contractors are their victims, without other recourse than a suit for breach of trust.

The greatest scoundrel of the entire gang is J. Moritz Ehrenberg, alias Dr. Ehrenberg. This thief is a Hungarian Jew, born in the City of Ofen, Hungary. His parents were respectable people of the bourgeoisie type, and sent him to college at Vienna, where he graduated with honor. He, however, could not restrain his thieving propensities, and, after a robbery, was arrested by the Austrian Police, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment in the Work Haus, (a similar institution to the Penitentiary.) But for his family he would have received a more severe sentence. He served his term, and according to one of the conditions of his sentence, viz., "that he at once leave the country," he was escorted to Hamburg by a member of the Continental Detective Police, and put on board one of the Hamburg and Bremen Line of steamers, his passage having been paid to this country. He arrived here in 1869, and after spending some time in this City he proceeded to Chicago, where he formed the acquaintance of his swindling partner, Mandl, whose history will be found below. Chicago, however, was not "progressive" enough for Ehrenberg, and he journeyed to St. Louis. There he resumed his life of thievery, was arrested for larceny from the person, and sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment in Jefferson City Penitentiary. The record of his conviction, which was had on the clearest testimony, is in this City. After serving the greater portion of his term he was pardoned out by the Governor of Missouri, on the representations of German citizens on whom Ehrenberg had imposed. On his release he disappeared for a short time, to reappear in Chicago with Michael Mandl. Chicago soon became too hot to hold the robbers, and they came to this City in the Summer of 1872, just in time for the Presidential campaign.

Ehrenberg and Mandl at once began their swindling operations in this City. They pretended to espouse the Republican cause, and started two swindling schemes. Ehrenberg had circulars printed announcing the formation of a great German society entitled "The German-American Progressive Association" of which he appeared as President. Mandl appeared as President of another bogus German society called "The German-American United Societies." Such societies never had any existence except among Ehrenberg, Mandl & Co., who collected several thousand dollars from Republican leaders in the City. Ehrenberg's next move was to smuggle into various City papers extended notices of a national mass-meeting of German citizens purporting to have been held in Tentonia Assembly Rooms, of which meeting he was President. He had a bogus list of delegates, among which was the name of August Becke, editor of the Staats Zeitung, who had died the previous autumn of a year. He persuaded one of the most prominent of the German singing societies to join in the affair, and all the preparations were completed for a great convention at Terrace Garden, out of which Ehrenberg would have made at least $5,000, when some respectable citizens found out the swindle and broke it up. Ehrenberg's next victim was a well-known Wall street banker. The banker was an ardent admirer of Gen. Grant, and had promised, in the event of a German paper being started in the President's interest, to advance $5,000 to support it. The paper (known as the *Oestlicher Post*,) was started, and Ehrenberg called on the financier, and representing himself as connected with the paper, obtained the $5,000. The banker did not discover he was swindled until some days after. Ehrenberg's plan of operations during the campaign was to address circulars to prominent Republican Governors of States, &c., asking for aid in the supposed movement. He received donations varying from $25 to $100, and amounting in all to a considerable sum.

The two began their third swindle. They hired an office in the Plimpton Building, and started a grand swindling scheme, which they called "The German Emigration Protective Association." It was a well-planned scheme. Ehrenberg had pamphlets printed, calling attention to the great destitution of the Irish Catholic element in politics, and the urgent necessity of counterbalancing the Irish vote by means of immigration from other foreign countries. It proposed an ameliorative scheme for encouraging and subsidizing English and German emigration against the Irish. All that was wanted was money to secure success. Ehrenberg was President, and Mandl, Secretary. A large subscription-book was got up, and they collected money from various American citizens.

A change was then made in the scheme, and Mandl resigned his office of Secretary, which was filled by Henry Hertz. Ehrenberg and Hertz went to Boston, and swindled a number of Americans there. Col. Allen, of Boston, wrote Sigismund Kaufmann, President of the German Society of this City, that Ehrenberg had swindled a friend of his out of $3,000. They then returned to this City. Ehrenberg is still running the emigration swindle at No. 28 Bible House.

Michael Mandl is an Austrian Jew, of no education, and dissipated habits.

Henry Hertz's history is not known, except that he is a Russian Jew.

Blumenberg is notorious throughout the country for his exploits in Carolina as a detective in the service of the "Liberals."

THE CASE OF EX-PRESIDENT BAEZ.

The case of Baez, the Ex-President of San Domingo, who is held at the suit of Mr. David Hatch, was called up this morning before Judge Pratt, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, on an application of defendant for an order that plaintiff show cause why the order of arrest should not be vacated. Counsel for the defendant applied for a postponement; he was unprepared for the turn the case had taken; he had been led to believe that the defendant would rest his right on the question whether the court had jurisdiction in the case. Mr. Choate, on behalf of Baez, said the plaintiff would not get redress for his grievance in a Municipal court; that he should resort to diplomatic channels. Plaintiff's counsel maintained that the defendant is a private person, and was prepared to show that there is no existing nation over which he was President, and his acts were those of a private citizen. As such he was responsible to this court for his acts. Mr. Choate said he thought a plaintiff who holds a man in $25,000 bail ought to be ready to go on at any moment. The court thought so, too, and adjourned the case to 4 P. M. When the case again came on Judge Pratt took the papers and said he would announce his decision shortly. Mr. W. Maxwell appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Joseph H. Choate and Mr. Albert Van Wagner for Ex-President Baez.

THE PATERSON ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The investigation of the charges of cruelty preferred against Mrs. Sarah A. Nichols, the Matron of the Paterson (N. J.) Orphan Asylum, was concluded yesterday. The witnesses examined Tuesday were recalled yesterday, and made to give their statements over again, with Mrs. Nichols excluded from the room, some of the committee having suggested that probably the boys were afraid to tell the whole truth in her presence. Their second statements did not differ materially from the first. Several additional witnesses were examined, but their testimony only proved that the charges of abuse and cruel treatment were greatly exaggerated, and in many instances utterly unfounded. The committee took the testimony, and will make a report as soon as possible. The impression prevails that Mrs. Nichols will be exonerated.

A DETERMINED SUICIDE.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning a man named John L. Brunnig was arrested in Newark and locked up at Police head-quarters on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. When he was placed in a cell he declared that he would kill himself. The officers searched him, and finding a long three-cornered file in his pocket took it from him. When Doorman Johnson made his rounds, about 5 o'clock, he found Brunnig hanging to the cell door, dead. He had fastened one end of a handkerchief to a bar in the door, and then, placing the other end around his neck, settled himself down in a sitting position until he was strangled to death. County Physician Dodd was notified and gave a permit for burial. The suicide was forty-six years old, a married man, and resided at No. 181 Broom street.

LECTURE OF GRACE GREENWOOD AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Grace Greenwood lectured last evening at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, to a large audience. "Indoors" was the title of the lecture, but the matter of the discourse exceeded a trifle what the term "Indoors" might be supposed to compass. It may be as well to state here what Grace Greenwood stated at the conclusion of her paper—that she was suffering from a bad headache—(which she had no doubt would be indicated by the fact that she was not just then what she has been,) to account for her lecture not being received with such enthusiasm as her reputation might be fairly assumed to warrant. She commenced the lecture by controverting the proposition that American home-life is declining, and that by an extension of the franchise to women it would receive its death-blow. She did not believe, she said, in either of these propositions. She was willing to acknowledge that American home-life was not all that it should be, but the woman question, she contended, lay at the very threshold of the home question. Having briefly alluded to the way in which men arrange matters for the guidance of women, the lecturer proposed to reverse the state of things—to put the saddle on another horse, and to propound a code of rules for the guidance of man in such matters as manners, amusements, dress, love, courtship, marriage, deportment toward wives and mothers-in-law, politics, religion, and so forth, humorously illustrating the question by placing before the auditors a number of obligations incidental to the above conditions. She asked how would men like this state of affairs, and, with some elaboration, ridiculed the theory put forward by the Duke of Argyle that no woman had a right to appear on a platform except it was to be hanged, and that then, of course, it was inevitable. Men, she said, gave much laudation to women, but justice would be better. She did not think that men meant to be unjust tyrants toward women, and she averred that she would not say so, even if she thought so. The lecturer next referred to conjugal life, the great sheet-anchor of home, which, she said, had been more jested about than any other sentiment. This was especially true in respect to the Spanish, French, and Italian, as, for instance: "A woman is to be found home three times—when she is christened, when she is married, and when she is buried." "He that takes an eel by the tail or a woman by her word, may say he holds nothing." "He that loses his wife and a farthing hath great loss of his farthing." But notwithstanding these things, she believed that there is much conjugal affection among us yet, and that there is a good deal of truth in the old proverb, "There is but one good wife in the country, and every man thinks he hath her." Referring to the relations which frequently exist between husband and wife, arising out of the sense of absolute and secure possession, she quoted the philosophy of Artemus Ward, who said on the subject, "Now you are married and can eat onions." The enunciation of this sentiment created much laughter. She also referred to that compound of weariness and disgust termed ennui, which frequently springs up between young people who marry without any fond and abiding love. Ennui she termed the devil's usher. She then proceeded to the consideration of marital jealousies. The troubles of husbands in respect to mothers-in-law were humorously considered, and a difficulty was suggested in respect to Mormonism to the effect that, although the Mormons might be reconciled to a plurality of wives, they would scarcely be favorably disposed toward a plurality of mothers-in-law. In reference to many marriages she lecturer said that when love is out at elbows all the world may know it; that that skeleton will jump out of the closet, and always when company is present. She especially counseled domestic privacy, and in this connection she referred to the fact that domestic affairs were continually noised abroad in the newspapers. The reporters did all this, of course, but she thought that many of the sins of society were frequently laid on the shoulders of the "rascally" reporters. She also sympathized with that class of unfortunates, in the each case, they are so frequently obliged to listen to stupid lectures, an expression of sentiment in which there is much justice.

REORGANIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF JERSEY CITY.

The amendments to the Jersey City charter, introduced into the New-Jersey Senate by Senator McPherson, of Hudson County, which passed that body yesterday by a vote of 11 to 8, make some material changes in the form of the City Government. The municipality at present consists of a Mayor and Board of Aldermen and a Board of Education, elected by the people, and a Board of Police Commissioners, a Board of Fire Commissioners, a Board of Public Works, selected by the Legislature, and of a Board of Finance, selected by the Board of Aldermen. Mr. McPherson's charter legislates out of existence, after May 1, the Fire, Police, and Finance Boards, the Boards of Education and of Public Works, and vests all municipal authority in the Mayor and Aldermen and an Executive Board. The Executive Board is to consist of six Commissioners—one of Finance and Taxation, one of Police, one of Fire, one of Water and Sewerage, and one of Education. These Commissioners are to be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Aldermen. They are to hold office for two years each, and to receive an annual salary of $3,000 each. The bill allows the members of the Board of Aldermen $10 each for each meeting, and doubles the present salary of the President of the Board.

ARREST OF BURGLARS.

Mrs. Alice Menzer keeps a furniture store in East Houston street, and occupies a suite of rooms in No. 230 Mott street. On the 26th of February, while Mrs. Menzer was looking at Police Commissioner Smith's funeral, three young thieves entered her store and told the man in charge that Mrs. Menzer had sent them for the keys of her rooms. The man gave the keys, and the young thieves robbed Mrs. Menzer's rooms of $450 worth of clothing, and jewelry valued at $500. Detectives Farley and Field, to whom the case was reported, found the greater portion of the goods in the possession of one Johnson, a noted receiver of stolen goods, at No. 193½ Bowery. Last night they succeeded in arresting Frank Hopkins, aged eighteen, of No. 33 Crosby street, and Wm. Kelly, aged twenty-one, of the same residence, both noted thieves. In Kelly's possession they found a chain, which was part of the jewelry stolen from Mrs. Menzer's room. Detective Musical Lynam rendered important assistance to Officers Farley and Field in the case. The prisoners will be arraigned at the Tombs to-day.

AWARDING CONTRACTS.

A motion was made recently before Judge Lawrence, in Supreme Court, Chambers, on behalf of Andrew D. Campbell, for a writ of mandamus to compel the Controller to approve his security as the successful bidder for the contract to pave and regulate Forty-third street from Fourth avenue to the East River. The bid of Campbell was $10,710 50, while the bid of Timothy Doyle, to whom the contract was awarded, was only $9,379 15. But it was claimed on the part of Campbell that there were certain informalities in the form of Doyle's bid which rendered it invalid, and that he, (Campbell,) having had his bid regular in form, and being the next lowest in amount, ought to have been awarded the contract. Judge Lawrence has now decided that, under the charter, the lowest bidder is entitled to the contract, notwithstanding informalities in specifications, &c., contained in the form of the bid.

SUBORNING A WITNESS.

Some time ago, Capt. Charles W. Austin, of the American bark Inginac, was indicted by the United States Grand Jury on a charge of having inflicted cruel and unusual punishment upon John Morgan, one of his sailors. It was charged in the complaint that on a voyage from one of the West India Islands to this port the Captain knocked down the complainant with a cold chisel and a revolver, and kicked him severely when down. When the case was called for trial, Morgan could not be found. He was yesterday arrested and committed by United States Commissioner Shields to Ludlow street Jail until the case is again called for trial. He explained his absence on the former occasion by saying that he was paid money and received other inducements which kept him out of the way.

SOROSIS.

The annual meeting of Sorosis, and election of officers for the ensuing year, took place Monday, March 2, at the society's rooms at Delmonico's. The officers elected were: For President, Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbour; Vice President, Mrs. Caroline A. Soule; Recording Secretary, Miss Alice Fletcher; Treasurer, Mrs. R. O. Delamater; Executive Committee, Mrs. E. L. Clapp, Mrs. M. J. Davis, Mrs. A. R. Filley, Mrs. K. G. Foote, Mrs. L. M. Bronson; Chairman of Literary Committee, Mrs. H. A. Poole; Chairman Art Committee, Mrs. R. A. Morse; Chairman Music Committee, Mrs. J. D. Voice; Chairman Dramatic Committee, Mrs. M. Witherbee; Chairman Business Women's Committee, Mrs. Von Horn; Chairman Scientific Committee, Dr. A. D. French; Chairman Higher Education of Women Committee, Prof. Maria Mitchell.

ADMIRALTY DECISIONS.

In the United States District Court, yesterday, Judge Blatchford rendered his decision in the case of Thomas B. Hawkins against the schooner Alaska. The complainant filed his libel against the vessel for a collision which occurred between her and the schooner Marietta Rand, of which he is owner. The collision took place in April, 1872, in the Long Island Sound. His Honor dismissed the libel, with costs.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Hon. Caleb Cushing, United States Minister to Spain, left this City for Washington last evening.

The Potter's Field Investigation Committee will present a report to the Board of Aldermen today.

The annual meeting of the Wine and Spirit Traders' Society will be held to-day at No. 69 Broad street.

In the case of Gleason and others indicted for the great bond forgery of last Summer, Justice Brady has denied an application to admit them to bail.

The expenditures of the New-York Bridge Company for the last month were $15,737 62, and the receipts during the same period amounted to $2,223 06.

The Fifth Assembly District Republican Association held its regular monthly meeting last evening, at No. 189 Spring street, and elected twenty-one new members.

The Cunard steam-ship Cuba sailed at 3 P. M. yesterday, with a very large mail, of which nearly two-thirds was from this City. The mail numbered 102,000 letters, or 130 bags.

The Germania Theatre company will give a dramatic performance on Wednesday evening, March 18, at the Terrace Garden Theatre, for the benefit of the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society.

The Saturday trips of the Cunard steamers from this City will be resumed on the 18th of April and continue regularly thereafter, in addition to the Wednesday sailing until October.

To-day A. T. Stewart & Co. will have their first opening day of French pattern bonnets and novelties in millinery goods, at their wholesale millinery rooms, on Broadway and Ninth street.

The firm of M. S. Driggs & Co., ware-housemen, writes to say they have not failed, that their business was never more prosperous than at present. Their store at No. 286 South street will be closed a short time for repairs.

The first of a series of lectures on the comparative evidences of Science and Christianity, by Rev. Prof. Andrew P. Peabody, D. D., of Harvard University, will be delivered this evening at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church.

The new Cunard steamer Bothnia will be added to the New-York and Liverpool fleet in May, and will make her initial trip from this City on Wednesday, the 20th of May. The Scythia will be added to the line in June, and still another new vessel in July.

Joseph Ricks, (colored,) steward of the schooner Ben Davis, jumped overboard on the 28th of February, while the vessel was on her trip from Wilmington, N. C., to this City, and all efforts to rescue him proved unavailing. Temporary insanity is assigned as the cause.

A free lecture on "Defects of Articulation in Children, and How to Cure Them," will be delivered by Mrs. Eliza B. Burns, teacher of phonography in the Cooper Union, at Cooper Institute, Room No. 24, next Saturday, at 10:30 A. M. This lecture will be introductory to the Spring course of phonography.

The Butter and Cheese Exchange held its third quarterly meeting yesterday. The reports of the standing committees and of the Treasurer were presented and showed the institution to be in a flourishing condition. Mr. T. L. Misich was elected to fill a vacancy on the Committee of Arbitration and Appeals.

Charles Marks, a boot-black, charged with having passed a counterfeit $50 bill on Jacob Rosenbaum, of Greenwich street, was examined yesterday before United States Commissioner Shields. It appeared that the boy picked up the bill in Washington Market, and did not know that it was counterfeit. He was discharged.

Fire Marshal Sheldon reports 100 fires for the month of February, involving a loss of $280,451, on which there was an insurance of $1,009,694. The loss on buildings was $44,525, on which there was an insurance of $347,450. The loss on stock was $235,926, insured for $662,174. The number of fires in the same month last year was 117. The average loss for each fire in February, 1873, was $2,318 16, and for the last month the average was $2,804 51.

The subcommittee of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the United States House of Representatives, whose mission is to examine the affairs of the Ocean National Bank of this City, held its first session yesterday at the Grand Central Hotel. The following gentlemen compose the committee: Hon. Horace Maynard, of Tennessee, Chairman; Hon. Alexander Mitchell, of Wisconsin, and Hon. Morton C. Hunter, of Indiana. Hon. Walter L. Sessions, of New-York, who instigated the investigation, accompanies the committee.

Miss Phœbe W. Couzins, the lady lawyer of St. Louis, Mo., will deliver her popular lecture on the "Higher Education of Woman," in the hall of Rutgers College, No. 489 Fifth avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, next Monday evening, for the benefit of Rutgers Alumni fund. The Alumni of the college, on their own responsibility, are endeavoring to raise a fund of $10,000 to relieve their Alma Mater from pressing liabilities incurred some years since. Their industry and perseverence in this matter has already been rewarded with partial success from the proceeds of lectures, concerts, and from subscriptions.

BROOKLYN.

Canon Kingsley gave his lecture on the "Norsemen" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last evening.

Mayor Hunter thinks that the laying of the new water-pipes, for which the Board of City Works asked $250,000, can be accomplished for $150,000.

The body of a man apparently about twenty-six years of age, of stout build, and dressed in dark clothes, was found floating in the water, yesterday, at the foot of Congress street, East River.

Robert Ritter, aged sixty-four, was committed by Justice Walsh, yesterday, on a charge of signing the name of Mary Coffee, of No. 589 Herkimer street, to a note for $150 to the order of H. L. Peck.

Gen. Tracy, counsel for Lucien Hawley, one of the men indicted in connection with the Sanborn contracts, will make a motion this morning before Judge Benedict that his client be discharged on his own recognizance, on the ground that the District Attorney does not intend to try him on the present indictment.

A rumor was in circulation yesterday in the vicinity of the City Hall to the effect that Deputy Tax Collector Gill, indicted for embezzling the city money, was getting impatient at his continued incarceration, and threatened to make "startling revelations" unless bail was speedily procured for him.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

A petition has been prepared for presentation to the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railroad Company to extend their West Farms Branch Road through Bronxdale to William's Bridge.

The stable of Mr. John Fawcett, in Rye, was entered by burglars on Tuesday night. Their operations being heard by Mr. Fawcett, he was soon after them well armed, and the rogues beat a hasty retreat